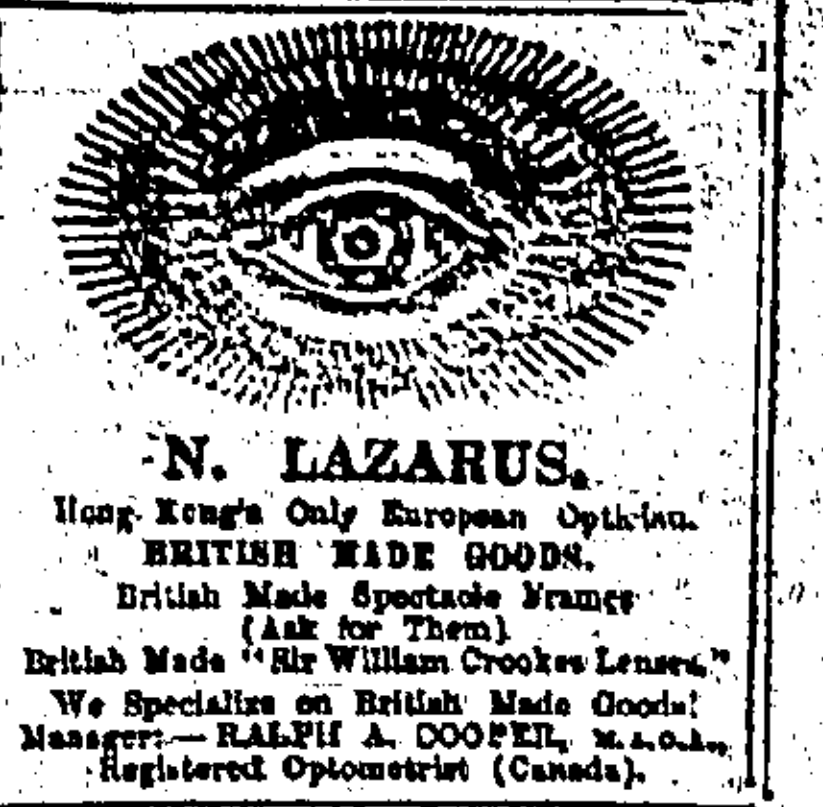


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WEEKDAYS.

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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.45
Yanmat ...Dep.	6.45	8.10	9.15	10.05	12.05	1.20	2.40	3.05	4.40	5.50
Shatin ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	9.20	10.10	12.10	1.25	2.45	3.10	4.45	5.55
Taipei ...Dep.	7.00	8.25	9.30	10.20	12.20	1.35	2.55	3.20	4.50	6.00
Taipei Market Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.30	12.30	1.45	3.05	3.30	5.00	6.10
Fanning ...Dep.	7.40	9.05	10.10	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.10	6.20
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.50	9.15	10.20	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.20	6.30
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.45	8.45	10.15	10.55	12.55	2.10	3.30	3.55	5.25	6.35
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Canton ...Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	—	11.37	2.38	4.41	5.49	6.24	6.46
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.10	10.41	11.16	—	11.44	2.45	4.48	5.56	6.31	6.53
Fanning ...Dep.	8.20	10.49	11.24	—	11.54	2.55	4.58	6.06	6.41	—
Taipei Market Dep.	8.30	10.59	11.34	—	12.04	3.05	5.08	6.16	6.41	—
Taipei ...Dep.	8.40	11.09	11.44	—	12.14	3.15	5.18	6.26	6.51	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.50	11.19	11.54	—	12.24	3.25	5.28	6.36	7.01	—
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"IT'S ME."

CAN IT BE DEFENDED.

VERDICT OF AN AMERICAN COMMITTEE.

THE BUSINESS OF THE GRAMMARIAN.

Not so long ago an Anglo-American Committee sat to deliberate on changes in the English language and how to prevent them, writes the *Evening Standard*. Its efforts, so far as we can remember, were received with respect and interest, and that is, perhaps, all that most persons can remember of them. Now it appears that a "jury" of 222 American authors, editors, business men, and teachers has taken the matter in hand, and has returned a verdict to Professor S. A. Leonard, of the University of Wisconsin, who acts for the National Council of Teachers of English.

This verdict appears to be a drastic nature. No fewer than forty-five words and phrases in common use come under its ban, and will not, one presumes, be heard, at any rate in America, ever again. There are some of those quoted which we can spare readily. "That clock must be fixed" is a collection of words that the language can do without. So, too, is "There is a bed, dresser, and two chairs in the room."

But the jury has gone further than this, and has attempted to end an old controversy by forbidding "It is me." This, by the way, is something that probably never was said by anybody. "It's me," yes; but "It is me," no. However, the anathema is really launched at "It's me," and this form can be defended, if at all, as well as the other.

There are two ways of defending it. One is to point out that "me" here is not the accusative "me," but the equivalent, and probably a survival, of the French "moi." Just as the French do not say "C'est je" or, in answer to a question, simply "Je," so we—unless we are ultra-particular—do not say "It's me," or "Me!" and we do it for the same reasons and the justification.

The other way of defending it is to remark that language preceded grammarians, and still takes precedence of them. The business of the grammarian is to observe, perhaps to explain, accomplished facts. But the facts themselves are outside his power. It is no more his business to say that any form commonly used is "wrong," than it is the business of the biologist to assail with moral anger an unexpected mutation in a species of living things.

Either, or both, of these defences may be right. The history of linguistics shows that languages will grow in spite of all attempts to restrain them. What seems to be the solecism of to-day is the accepted idiom of to-morrow.

We might, therefore, but for one thing, disregard the attempts of the pedants to regiment what will not submit to regimentation. The one thing is that their attempts lead them, and all of us, to neglect what should not be neglected. If a change in the use of words leads to no confusion of meaning, we may well leave it to take care of itself. If it is of God, it will grow; if it is in accordance with the genius of the language, it will gain full establishment. If not, it will wither. But there are real slovenlinesses which do harm and which ought to be checked, slovenlinesses of which, perhaps, the most common instance is the misplacement of an adverb. "He only wore flannels," where the writer, or speaker, must be presumed to mean, "He wore only flannels," not "He wore flannels, but did nothing else with them." The habit of writing thus carelessly is a real danger to language, and if the grammarians would spend more time on this, and less on changes they cannot control, they would render a greater service.

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"We have already demonstrated that it is practicable," Mr. Kellaway went on, "and the equipment to carry on the service on a commercial basis is being made by the Marconi Company."

"How long it will be before this comes about it is impossible to say. I am a little out of touch with matters, but the Marconi Company was near to it when I left London. I do not think many months' will pass before the service will come into operation."

"There is no difficulty about the wireless part of the circuit. The difficulty that has to be overcome is in sending facsimile messages from the wireless station over the land lines, and that is what the experts are engaged upon now."

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Reliable Empire Broadcast. Mr. Kellaway added he thought facsimile wireless messages would probably be charged so much per square inch.

Speaking of cost, Mr. Kellaway did not think there was much room for a reduction of wireless rates between England and Canada. The great hope was in connection with the wireless telephone. By the universal combination of the beam system and short waves he thought it would be possible to have an Empire wireless telephone service at substantially lower rates.

"The Empire wireless telegraph beam system is unquestionably the finest wireless telegraph system in the world. No other country has anything comparable to our system between the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, India and Canada."

Mr. Kellaway added that his company and the B.B.C. were carrying out tests to eliminate certain faults, and it was possible that in the next 12 months an Empire broadcast would become a definitely reliable system, and listeners in the far corners of the Empire would be able to tune in to Daventry as easily as the wireless enthusiasts in England.

HINDU CHILD MARRIAGES.

REMARKABLE STATEMENTS.

BOMBAY, Oct. 20th. Startling statistics have been produced by Mr. B. V. Jadhav in support of three bills which are introducing in the Bombay Legislative Council dealing with social problems of the Hindu community. One of these measures is intended to prevent early marriages; another provides for the compulsory registration of marriages; and the third restricts the unlimited right of adoption by Hindu widows. Mr. Jadhav says that there are now in the Bombay Presidency 74,000 married children under the age of 5 years, and that 3,500 of them are widows. Of these 2,000 were married before they were a year old. He gives the total number of married children between the ages of 5 and 10 as nearly 350,000, and adds that between the ages of 10 and 14 there are nearly 500,000. His bills aim at stopping all marriages of girls under 12 and of boys under 10. These figures have created a sensation in view of the controversy which has been aroused by the publication of Miss Mayo's book on the subject.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Legislative Council Meeting, 9.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Garrison Football League: R.E. and R. Sigs. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.; R.A.O.C. v. C. Coy., K.O.S.B.; Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Interport Football Trials: First practice game, H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home," Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.; meeting, 5 p.m.
Craigengower Cricket Club annual meeting, Club House, 5.30 p.m.
Steel and Coulson's Billiards League: R.E. and R. Sigs. v. R.A.; K.O.S.B. v. D.R.C.; Revenue v. Police; Garrison Sigs. Mess v. Warders.
H.M.S. Ambrose Carnival Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
After Dinner Dance, at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
European Y.M.C.A. debate, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Magician."
World Theatre: "The Midnight Sun."
Star Theatre: "The Cohens and the Kellys," 5.30 p.m.; The New "Orpheum" present "Honi Soit," 8.15 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (Tango Maru).
Friday.
King, Haakon VII. of Norway accepted the Crown, 1905.
Shanghai and Malaya Interport Cricket Teams arrive.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Children's Theatre, Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.
"Hockey" Club "A" v. 5/2nd Punjab, King's Park, 5 p.m.
Paper on "Gas—Its Distribution and Uses" by Mr. A. Hevey (H.K. and China Gas Co., Ltd.) Institution of Engineers' and Shipbuilders' of Hong Kong, 5.45 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
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Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, letters, (Patrolus); Europe via Siberia (Sineu Maru).
Saturday.
Xmas and New Year Letter Mail for Great Britain, closes at G.P.O., 3.30 a.m.
Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
Colt: Boppy Pool, Fanning.
Entries close for Fanning Hunt Autumn Meeting, noon.
New Territories Agricultural Show Committee meeting, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.
Yachting:—Racing Yachts: 3rd Championship Race.
Fanning Hunt meet Sheung Shui Police Station, 2.30 p.m.
Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong, H.K.C.C. ground (first day).
Cricket League:—Division I.: Craigengower C.C. v. Royal Navy; I.R.C. v. "B"; Kowloon C.C. Division II.: H.K. Electric Co. v. R.A.O.C.; Club de Recreo v. Police R.C.
Friendly Cricket: C.S.C.C. v. Scots Guards, Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. R.A.F.
Football League:—Division I.: Kowloon v. S. China; Chinese Ath. v. Queen's Scots Guards v. R.A.; R.A.F. v. Club; Police v. Recreo. Division II.: "A": R.A. v. South China "B"; K.O.S.B. v. Chinese Ath.; St. Joseph's v. South China "A"; University v. Kowloon; Recreo v. Club. Division II.: "B": Boy Scouts v. St. Joseph's; Chinese Ath. v. South China "A"; South China "B" v. Kung Woo; Moslems v. Kowloon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: King Edward Hotel and Cafe Regent, 8 p.m.
Indoor Smoker at H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 9 p.m.
Charity Concert for Dr. Barnardo's Home, by St. Andrew's Troop of Boy Scouts, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club present "Buildup Drummond," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
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MARCHING—WHERE?

THE PREACHER'S QUESTION AT
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

[CONTINUED.]

The question was asked by the preacher on Sunday evening at the Cathedral, speaking in reference to that grand old hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers," and certainly gives one food for thought. Where are we marching to as a Nation? Since the finish of the Great War, have we advanced in Spiritual things, or are we progressing on the lines of perfecting the machines for destroying life, instead of concentrating our energies in making life happier, and more profitable to live in, the true sense of the word. Looking at things at Home, what do we find? Thousands of men in the Dockyard towns clamouring for more work, meaning warship construction, the only kind of work that is allowed in the Royal Dockyards; on the other hand the Government steadily pursuing a policy of cutting down the building of warships, thereby turning—men adrift who have been engaged in this class of work for years past, and providing no alternative policy, but simply allowing them to sign on the Labour Exchanges and adding to the multitude already there, drawing money and giving nothing in exchange.

One thing has to be definitely accepted, which is that thousands of men, who before the war were engaged in the shipbuilding industry, will not be employed in the same way again, as with the adoption of improved and simplified methods, together with the extensive use of welding and machinery, the demand for labour has declined twenty-five per cent. The demand for ships does not exceed the supply and the result is unemployment for a great number. What then is to become of these men? The Government of to-day ought to be able to solve this problem, or are they content to have a permanent system of labour exchanges?

Turning to Spiritual affairs, during the War our Churches and Chapels were crowded with people. They were not in the true sense worshippers, but the catastrophe of the war was so great, it brought realization home to them and they turned to God in their distress. Since the strife has there been the same desire to meet together for worship? There is no need to answer that question; the facts speak for themselves.

The query of the preacher still remains to be answered—Where are we Marching?

U.S. TAX AND DEBT REDUCTION.

COMPROMISE BETWEEN
EXTREME DEMANDS.

Reduction of both taxes and the public debt are expected to be included in treasury department recommendations to Congress at the next session.

While treasury officials declined to discuss the details of the proposed recommendations, they will attempt to strike a compromise between the demands for both heavy debt retirement and a substantial tax reduction.

Supporters of debt retirement do not expect to keep up the pace reached in the last fiscal year, when the debt was curtailed \$1,131,300,383 by application of the entire surplus. At the same time, they hope to bring the retirement this year above the normal reduction of approximately \$557,000,000 that will accrue from the two permanent sources of debt retirement, the sinking fund and foreign debt payments.

The debt had been reduced from its peak in 1919 of approximately \$26,594,000,000 to approximately \$18,511,000,000 at the end of the last fiscal year. Four times during this period the annual reduction exceeded the billion dollar mark, in 1920, 1922, 1924 and 1927, but in the other years only normal reductions were made.

Treasury officials pointed out that they cannot make an accurate forecast of the extent to which tax reduction could go until the departmental estimates of expenses have been submitted. They are understood, however, to be giving particular attention to the corporation tax, which administration leaders have declared should be reduced.

"There will be tax reduction, but how much is another matter," one treasury official declared.

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BEASTS ON VIEW IN MORE NATURAL CONDITIONS.

The sinking of artesian wells and the erection of enclosures mark the beginning of the vast scheme for providing the Zoo with a country in the Chilterns.

It is intended to provide an overflow from the existing Zoo, a suitable breeding place for certain species, a rest home for animals which are affected by the fog and close confinement of Regent's Park, and a new show place for Londoners where a large variety of birds and beasts will be on view in more or less natural conditions.

No better choice could have been made than the fine sweep of wooded downland situated at Whipsnade, at the eastern extremity of the Chiltern Hills, between Dunstable and Tring, 35 miles from London.

Facing west, the slopes of the Downs command an unapproachable view of the beginning of the Vale of Aylesbury—locally it is not inappropriately called the Gold Vale.

Nature Unspoiled.

The nearest railway station is Dunstable, three and a half miles away, but there are two main road approaches from London, one through St. Albans and Dunstable on to the old Icknield Way, and the other by way of Watford and Hemel Hempstead.

From the point of view of the animals and the creation of a natural show place, 12 times larger than that in Regent's Park, the choice would also appear to be a wise one.

The existing woods give, ready to hand, the means for forming a bird sanctuary—the immediate aim of the project—and the downland can conveniently be converted into paddocks for "much viewed" animals on holiday. The present beautiful appearance of the site will be unimpaired.

Walls and fences will be limited to the lowest possible number, and their place will be taken by deep trenches similar to those on Monkey Hill. Neither will there be shelters or cages to give an appearance of artificiality. For these will be substituted dens hollowed out of the hillside, and camouflaged by natural rock and plants.

No Raging Wild Beasts.

There must be considerable building to provide cottages for keepers, and to overcome difficulties of rights of way, and to secure necessary powers a Bill has been promoted which, it is expected, will come before Parliament early next year.

The society in this measure, will seek powers to manufacture gas of electricity and to supply water in the neighbourhood—in areas which are not already supplied by companies or local authorities.

Admission to the public will be regulated in a manner similar to that already existing at Regent's Park.

The doubts of local residents on one point have been set at rest—lions and tigers will not be permitted to roam in the new park.

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The members of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society may be interested in the following announcement made by Krishnamurti to the press at Bombay, and published in a copy to hand of the *Strait Times*:

"I can now say that I am the teacher," said Mr. J. Krishnamurti, the "New Messiah," to a group of pressmen, after landing here to-day.

He spoke with boyish frankness and simplicity of how the image of Shri Krishna had been planted in his mind by his mother, in his early days and later on the forms of the Lord Maitreya and the Lord Buddha.

His constant endeavour had been not merely to see these masters, as he had often seen them, as objective things, or outside the picture, but to be at one with them.

He was now able to say, in the words of one of his recent addresses: "I have become at one with the Beloved. I have been made simple. I have become glorified because of Him, and because of Him. I can help my purpose, which is not to create discussions on the authority of Krishnamurti, but to give waters that shall wash away your sorrows, your petty tyrannies and your limitations, so that you will be free, so that you will eventually join that ocean where there are no limitations, where there is the Beloved."

He had renounced everything. He had attained liberation and wanted to help others to attain it. "I could become a rich man," he declared. "I was offered £12,000 per week by American cinema companies. Of course, I declined the offer."

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THE FUTURE OF ROMANTIC DRAMA.

SIR JOHN MARTIN-HARVEY'S OPTIMISM.

"I have every faith in the future of romantic drama, and am putting my faith to the test on my autumn tour by only producing one play, 'Scaramouche,' instead of staging an extended repertoire as I have done in previous years." This was Sir John Martin-Harvey's statement as he was leaving London for Newcastle.

"In this view," Sir John added, "I have the experience of Mr. Rafael Sabatini, from whose book 'Scaramouche' has been adapted, to confirm me. He wrote romantic novels in the face of much discouragement, and now he is one of the best sellers." But one has to play these dramas, not mouth them, and really live one's part."

Sir John and Lady Martin-Harvey are touring by motor-car. "I find when we are moving from town to town playing a repertory, the only fresh air we get," then our lives are just one general rehearsal. My old friend, Rutland Barrington, was in my company some years before his death, and he said, 'I lived on rehearsal, and hot milk, as I generally took a glass of hot milk in the middle to keep me going.'"

For the past week Sir John has been rehearsing from 10.30 to six with an interval for lunch, "interjected Lady Martin-Harvey, "so you see the work is strenuous. But we are looking forward to the provincial season and to the Canadian tour which follows it."

As to his plans for the future, Sir John said, "Some day I must revive 'Oedipus Rex.' I made a financial success of this at Covent Garden, and when I got it into my own hands and produced it in the country I improved it very much. 'Oedipus' has got to be done again. If I ruin myself I'll do it. The only question is the best place to do it in."

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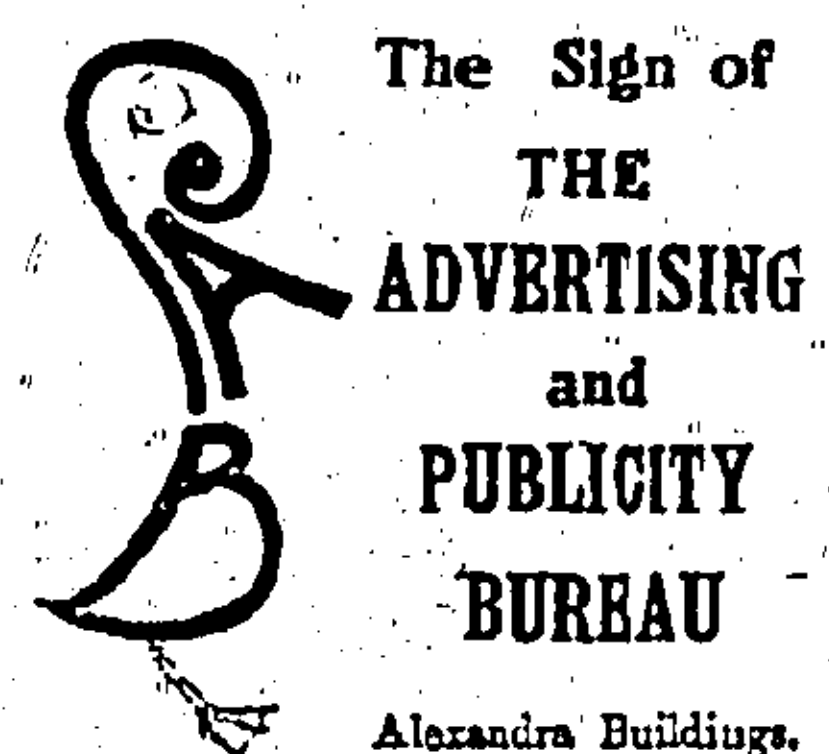


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WHAT IT CAN AND CAN NOT DO.

THE 'EXPENSIVE LUXURY OF "POSITION."

AN ASPECT OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

[By "MIDDLE CLASS"]

At a somewhat barren and listless period of the year Judge Crawford has caused a spirited diversion by his remark that "even a County Court Judge has no right to buy a car unless he has private means, because his salary alone is not sufficient." The salary of a County Court Judge is £1,500 a year, and the inference drawn accordingly from his Honour's dictum is that in his view, no one with only £1,500 a year ought to buy a car. That perhaps is to impute to Judge Crawford an ingenuously which, if he thought it worth while, he might like to disclaim. His original remark has been somewhat stretched by the commentators who have flung themselves so eagerly upon it, and it is upon the broader premises thus briskly evolved that a merry and everwidening discussion has proceeded. People are not particularly interested in the question whether even a County Court Judge, without private means, has or has not the right to buy a car. But they are very much interested in the general position of the £1,500 a year class in the community.

What £1,500 Means.

In a sense, of course, there is no such thing as £1,500 a year. I mean that an income of that figure varies so much as between persons, occupations and localities as to be a point of controversy in itself. A London doctor, for instance, if he means to be one of the big guns of his profession, is more or less tied down to a single expensive neighbourhood, is obliged to keep a car and to maintain a large establishment, and has always to be careful to make a good appearance. His case is very different from that of his brother practitioner in a provincial town where another standard obtains, and the unescapable liabilities are not so heavy. It is still more different from that of a London writer, for instance, who is free to live where and as he pleases, whose address and style of existence no one worries about, who has virtually no business expenses, and who carries his means of livelihood in his head and his waistcoat pocket. A Harley Street specialist earning only £1,500 a year would be in receipt of an income highly resembling a minus quantity. A medical man on the same income in a place like Birmingham or Manchester would be fairly well off. A London journalist on £1,500 a year would be better off still.

Now a County Court Judge is very decidedly a man of position, and the nature of his office, with its constant peregrinations, is such as to make a private car, if not an absolute necessity, at any rate, a first-class convenience. But I can very well imagine that a man of position, and largely because of his position, with no more than a salary of £1,500 a year, would be hard put to it to spare enough out of this income for a car and chauffeur. "A chauffeur!" exclaims the newly licensed owner-driver. "Why can't he drive it himself?" The answer is—because of his position.

The Cost Of Position.

Position is a more expensive luxury in England than in any country of my acquaintance. Our whole scheme of life is so arranged as to commit a man who has attained any sort of distinction to a mounting load of liabilities that only a cool head and good management can keep from becoming top-heavy. Germany, in this respect, even under the political oppressiveness of the Hohenzollern régime, had far more social freedom than we have. Because a German had got on and prospered, he saw no reason for encumbering himself with a large house and an ostentatious retinue of servants, or departing in his mode of life and his entertainments from the simple, wholesome scale to which he had been accustomed. Nor was it demanded of him that he should; still less is any such requisition levied on him to-day. I well remember, too, paying a visit to a powerful French statesman who had lived in the same apartment house for over 15 years, varying from the second floor when in office to the fifth when out of it. I should doubt whether being a Cabinet Minister made as big a difference as £250 a year in his personal expenses.

The English Rate Of Living.

But in England as a man succeeds a vast and subtle conspiracy of obligations is directed against him. It is expected that each rise in his fortunes should be outwardly marked. He must have a bigger and more imposing house, with appointments and a staff in keeping with his larger income. Everything and everyone around and about him have to be adjusted to a new scale of expenditure on dress, schools, entertaining, and the ordinary social round. The man who has allowed liabilities such as

these to encompass him has very little left out of a fixed salary of £1,500 a year, and if, in addition, he has the dignity of some official post to consider, he will be lucky to have anything left at all.

For such a man rates and taxes are a poignant burden, and any rise in the cost of living a cause of acute anxiety. Pegged down to his £1,500 a year, which might bring him in a clear £1,200 after the State and the local authorities had taken their toll, he is pretty well constrained to live up to the full limit of his income. He is one of the new poor engaged in a losing struggle to keep up old-fashioned ideas of "position" with new-fashioned ideas of taxation. Moreover, it is beginning to dawn on him that, bad as his case is, his son's is likely to be worse. He himself has to part with the proceeds of between two and three months' work every year to keep the State going. His son, twenty or thirty years hence, may be fined four or five months' "hard" for the privilege of being a British subject resident in Britain.

Poorer, Yet Better Off.

As against the tightening struggle that the man with £1,500 a year has to endure, take the comparative security and ease of a man with a third or a half of that income. I do not know what proportion of the 700,000 holders of licences for private cars in Great Britain is represented by men earning between £500 and £750 a year, but I should judge it to be very considerable. It is people with that class of income for whom our British world is being increasingly laid out. They have a better time of it, a happier and more varied and amusing time of it, today than they ever had before, and they are working with some rapidity a profound social revolution. What we are witnessing, if I may use a vocabulary already out of date, is the constriction, almost the strangulation, of the upper middle class and the efflorescence of the lower middle class.

Better Houses.

Consider, for example, this matter of housing. Something like a million new houses have been built in England and Wales since the Armistice. The overwhelming majority of them are small houses, usually with a plot of garden attached, the very thing for a newly married couple of modest means. Large numbers of them have garages, invitingly, irresistibly, awaiting the advent of the two-seater. In the countryside they too often attain to a nightmarish degree of architectural ugliness. But in the suburbs of the big towns, and especially in the London suburbs, they are frequently of charming design, and with their trim bungalow effect make a most pleasing and homelike appearance.

And almost invariably the people who live in them—I am thinking of the £750 to £1,100 type of houses—are the people who have bought them. They pay what they can on deposit and they either borrow the remainder or arrange a mortgage. I saw it stated the other day that the money invested this year in houses or loaned for their purchase comes to double the amount that was called for last year, which in its turn was twice the sum needed for these purposes in 1925. If we cannot become a nation of agricultural smallholders we seem well on the way to becoming one of small householders. This is a most wholesome development from every standpoint; it adds as nothing else can to social stability and the sense of citizenship; and those who complain that the young men of to-day are not so enterprising as their fathers had better inquire first how many of them have pledged their earning-power for years ahead to own the houses they live in.

A Motor—But No Maid.

The young couple I have in mind rarely attempt to keep a servant or to make much of a splash. They dress well because everybody dresses well now-a-days, and the wives are acquiring an almost American facility for doing almost all the house-work and the cooking and yet appearing extremely presentable. But they live simply, and they are below the level where taxation becomes penal. Next to completing the purchase instalments on their houses, their great ambition is to fill the garage, even if the nursery has to go empty a while. But when they have children—and they usually have one or two and bring them up very sensibly—they do not make the mistake that their mothers and fathers made of trying to send them to a private school. They are not out for social prestige of that kind. They send them instead to those wonderful L.C.C. schools that in the past quarter of a century have become one of the glories of the Metropolis. Those who do not know

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FOOD QUEUES IN RUSSIA.

SOVIET ANXIETY.

IRREGULARITY OF SUPPLIES.

RIGA, Oct. 10th.

The authorities in Moscow and in other populous centres continue to complain of the irregularity of food supplies. During the past few months conditions have prevailed recalling the earlier years of the revolution, when "food rushes" occurred as often as it became known that supplies had arrived. Long queues are a common sight, and hoarding is so extensive as to aggravate the apparent scarcity.

At a conference of the Presidium of the Moscow Soviet it was stated that the situation had lately become worse; the queues which until recently had waited chiefly for white bread have now become a regular thing also outside stores selling rye bread, the people's staple food, and rye flour. The conference deplored the fact that the Soviet organizations entrusted with the work of supplying the centres had proved unequal to the task, and that the measures taken to regulate the market had failed to improve the situation. Instructions have been sent to the chief centres to "organize special commissions to secure for the workmen uninterrupted supplies of bread, meat, butter, and sugar." The *Livestock* states that the people do not believe that there is plenty and are frightened.

The All-Russian congress of women workers in factories and on the land opened in the Moscow Theatre to-night. Voroshiloff, the War Commissar, addressed the assembly on women's military tasks during war and peace. During peace, he said, the Red Army accepted only women as volunteers, but the Soviet law provided for the compulsory military service of women during war.

Women, he continued, were playing a great part in the present campaign to "create the military spirit among workmen and peasants," but one dark aspect marred the otherwise splendid results of the campaign for militarization. This was the "panic which had seized broad sections of the community and had produced long queues wherever every-day necessities such as flour, sugar, and salt had to be purchased." This was a serious, even a dangerous, phenomenon just now, before the mobilization for the death grapple with the Imperialist States which were about to attack the U.S.S.R. The Government had demanded from Mikoyan, the Trade Commissar, why so many interruptions had occurred in the delivery of flour, and Mikoyan explained that it was "senseless panic," fanned by dark elements, who "utilized the legitimate war campaign for illegitimate purposes."

Voroshiloff appealed to them when they dispersed to "soothe agitated housewives, because the U.S.S.R. had plenty, and the Soviet Government would maintain supplies so long as it was not hampered by panic, which gave the impression of a serious crisis where no crisis existed. The watchword for the women who have met to-day when they are homeward bound must be: "Cease hoarding. Cease hampering the military preparations. Cease playing into the hands of the enemy."

Simple Amusements.

For amusements these young people do not have to seek far or spend much, nor are they hard to please. They have the wireless and the gramophone in their homes; there is a cinema within a few hundred yards, and a lawn tennis club or some public courts not too far away; and a Sunday afternoon on the river in the Hampton-Court neighbourhood or a visit to the greyhound races is always a financially practicable diversion. But most of all they rely for their fun on the car they have purchased on the deferred payment system. I have read since Judge Crawford sprang his dictum some elaborate and enthusiastic estimates which seem to show that it is really more economical to own a car than not to own. I have my doubts as to that, but the extraordinary cheapness of a day's outing in a mass-produced British two-seater approaches the incredible; and the amount of healthy recreation, of fresh air, and new sights and experiences, and, above all, of family companionship, that the motor-car has put within the reach of hundreds of thousands, who a generation ago only got out of town once a year, entitles it to be called the most blessed social invention of our times. A severe economist might no doubt prefer a charge of extravagance against these youthful adventurers. But they strike me as being very happy and leading a decent sort of life, and one they would gain nothing by exchanging for the burdens and muddled standards of £1,500 a year.—*Sunday Times*.

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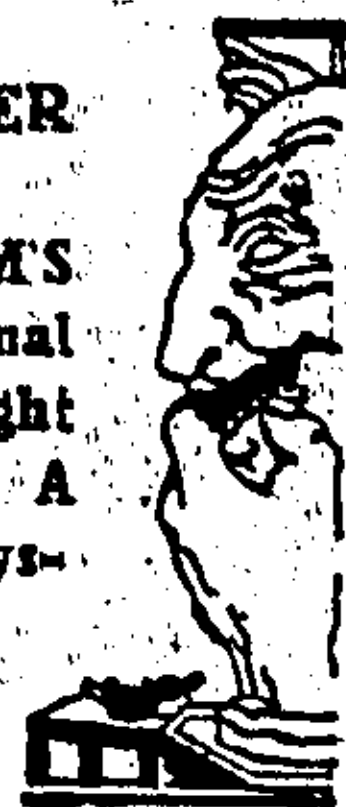
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Disguises.

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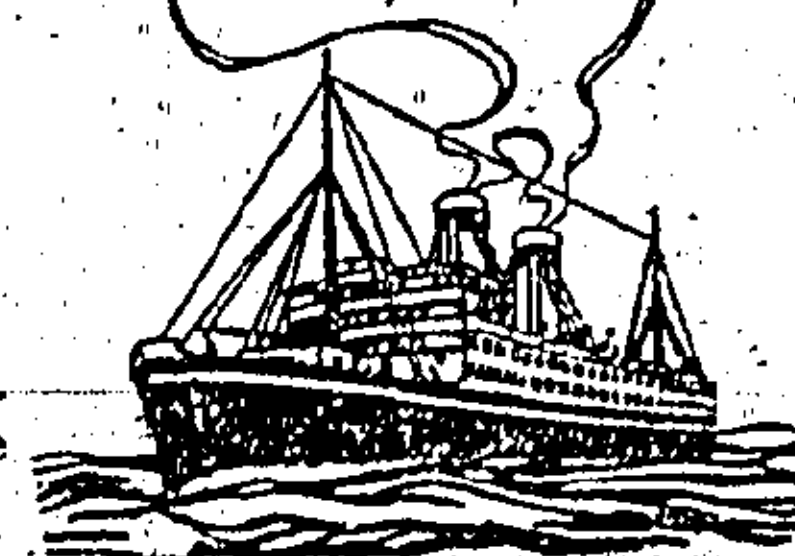
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REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST YEAR.

URGENT NEED FOR MORE MEN TO ACT AS
SCOUTMASTERS AND SECRETARIES.

MONEY REQUIRED FOR UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT
OF THE POORER BOYS.

A comprehensive report on the activities of the local Scout movement during the past Scout year, and addresses concerning the welfare, needs, aims and prospects of the local organisation, with reference also to the international aspect of the Scout movement, were given at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the Boy Scouts' Association held last evening at St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (President of the local Association), presided, and others present included Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Commissioner the Rev. C. T. Waldegrave, Mr. C. H. Blason (Hon. Treasurer), District Scoutmaster A. White, Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice), Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Sir Shou Soa Chow, and representatives of the various Scout troops.

At the outset of the meeting, the President expressed the regret of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at his inability to attend the meeting owing to another engagement.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES.

District Scoutmaster A. White presented the report which reviewed the work carried out during the past Scout year.

In many ways, said the report, the past Scout Year, from October 1926 to September 1927, has been full of special interest to the local Association and shows general advance. The formation of the Council early in 1927 has already proved most beneficial. Six new troops have been started and two more are in formation, in spite of the policy continually recommended, of quality not quantity being at last adopted in most of the troops with consequent weeding-out of non-efficient and slackers. Scouts of all ranks in the Association now number 500 as compared with 420 at the end of September, 1926. There are also some 60 non-executive officials, such as members of the Council, Examiners, Instructors and so on. Had there been a supply of suitable Scoutmasters even further advance could have been made, and that is, and we fear ever will be, our severest handicap.

Standard of Efficiency.

The standard of efficiency is also on the up-grade, as the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition Rallyes have proved, and though the Sea Scouts were successful in winning the Banner, their superiority lay rather in Tests for Badges passed during the year than in any particular excellence in Scoutcraft. There has been the usual amount of camping, but greatly increased activity in hiking, bivouac camps and rambles in which the Scout, being entirely on his own, learns far more by personal experience than he does in a standing camp with a Scoutmaster in charge. Our Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Blason, has put a small plot of ground in his garden at Shek O at the disposal of Scout Hikers, and thus the less experienced have a chance in comparative safety of training themselves for ventures further afield.

Wolf Cubs.

The Junior or Wolf Cub Section is again pulling up, after a year or two of slump. One of our most valued Cubbers, left for England during the year, but we are glad to say that her good work is being very ably and efficiently carried on by her successors. The year opened with only one Pack. Now there are three. So far we have no Chinese Packs, and we should like to see development in that direction.

Rover Scouts and Sea Scouting.

The Senior Section, the Rover Scouts, is slowly growing, and has already put in some good work, but we still have to proceed with caution as it is still in the experimental stage.

Sea Scouting is still represented by one troop, but owing to the kind assistance of many friends, especially officers of His Majesty's Navy, a good standard of efficiency is being maintained. Up to a certain point the training is the same as for Land Scouts, the main difference of course being that while the Land Scout does his outdoor work ashore the Sea Scout is active afloat.

Public Service.

In the matter of Public Service rendered by Scouts we have had various instances reported to us of help given at fires, to the Police, and to injured persons. The local Branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has offered to award an annual prize for the best Essay on some subject connected with the aims and work of that Society, the conditions of which competition are now under discussion. A friend has also made tentative suggestions about encouraging nature study on similar lines.

Training Camp Scheme.

The Training Camp Scheme has so far made no further progress, but with our depleted staff, a step of such importance could not be lightly undertaken. Quite apart from the actual arrangement of the details of the Training Course, preparation of demonstrations and lectures and so forth, much has to be done in the erection of suitable accommodation, provision of transport, food and apparatus. As also special qualifications are required by Imperial Headquarters before anyone is permitted to organise such a camp, and those so qualified are already more than occupied with the general running of the local Branch of the Movement, it has been obviously the wiser course to wait till the scheme can be carried out properly than to spoil all by hasty and ill-worked measures.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

Giving a report of the financial position, Mr. C. H. Blason stated that there was a loss shown of over \$400. This was in connection with shop stores. A strict investigation was now being made and a report would be issued in due course. Mr. Blason said that the amount spent on troop equipment for sports was inadequate and there should be more funds available for the troops. The expenditure on the Silver Wolf (the official organ of the Scouts here) had been reduced, and it had been decided to issue it quarterly in the form of a circular to scouts and others interested in the movement.

The Building Fund now stood at \$6,081. They wished to keep this Fund intact, as they were contemplating building when some more money had been added.

The President announced at a later stage of the meeting that if the loss of \$400 on shop stores was not recovered, a friend of his, who wished to remain anonymous, would guarantee this amount. (Applause.)

The balance sheet showed subscriptions amounting to \$430, and total receipts were \$2,427.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, commenting upon the report, said he thought they would all agree that it was an encouraging one as it was interesting. For this satisfactory result, he continued, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Scoutmasters, to the executive officers, and, above all, to Mr. Waldegrave who, during practically the whole of the year, combined his already onerous duties as Commissioner with those of Honorary Secretary, and to whose tact and hard work this success is largely due. I must not omit to mention the deep personal interest which His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, as the Chief Scout of the Colony, has always shown in our work, and this has been an inspiration to us all. (Applause.)

Nor am I unmindful of the support we have received from Mrs. Southorn, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, His Honour the Chief Justice, Commodore Pearson, and other high officials and prominent merchants who, with so many other heavy calls upon their time, have given us the benefit of their advice and co-operation on our Council. (Applause.)

Boy Scouting is a system which, while teaching youth to love their country, breaks down all national, racial, religious and class barriers. It aims at inculcating loyalty, the habits of obedience, orderliness, self-reliance, and resourcefulness. It endeavours to open the minds of our youth to an appreciation of the lovely things with which the earth abounds; and, most important of all, it teaches them the joys of labour and service, and the blessings of peace. In the fine words of Sir Cecil Clementi, the Boy Scout movement teaches boys to play the great game of life, and is a Brotherhood for boys, and later for men of all creeds and races. Very aptly has the movement been called "The Boys' League of Nations," and no better name can, I think, be given it. That it has proven its usefulness to humanity is borne out by the fact that in about twenty years it has spread to practically every country in the world, and has now a membership of over three million boys. So successful have our local efforts been that a branch of our sister organisation—the Girl Guides was formed in Hong Kong a few years ago; and it affords me, as I know it will afford you all, very great pleasure to see present here their popular Commissioner, Mrs. Southern. (Applause.)

In the United Kingdom and in several other countries the training of scoutmasters is being developed by means of official training camps. Here we have a site kindly granted to us by the Government for this purpose, and we have also trained men authorised to act as camp chiefs. But these men should be free from other scouting work so as to be able to give all their time and attention to their special duty; and for this reason we badly need men, not only as scoutmasters, but also as secretaries—men who are willing to give up their spare time, and deny themselves personal comfort and pleasures for the sake of the movement. In this connection, I should like to pay glad tribute to those splendid men who, schoolmasters by profession, have taken up scouting in their spare time in order that the boys in their care may benefit by their self-denial. (Applause.)

Though we have a site for a training camp, and a building kindly placed at our disposal by the Government for our headquarters, we need the necessary plant for the training camp, and permanent buildings for the storage of gear and other purposes. We have a building fund of some \$6,000, but at least another \$15,000 is required. I am told by those qualified to speak on the subject, that the standard of scouting in Hong Kong compares very favourably with that in other parts of the East. Is it not reasonable to expect that this local branch of ours should be made comparable with the best in equipment? It does not require a large sum of money to make it so.

Gratifying as has been the growth of the Hong Kong Branch during the last twelve months, we are unfortunately short of funds to meet our steadily increasing expenditure. We require money for the uniform and equipments of the poorer boys who need as much as their more fortunate brothers the guidance and training which this movement affords. We also want money to pay the travelling and other expenses at present borne by the scoutmasters themselves—a system which we consider to be unfair to these men who give their services free. Unfortunately we have no money to meet these necessary expenses. The sum of \$4,000 kindly granted to us by the Government about three years ago has been exhausted, in spite of the exercise of the strictest economy. We are now applying to the Government for an annual grant, but it is not expected that this grant will be sufficient to enable us to meet all our annual expenses which amount to about \$1,800. This sum, I must say, is very small, having regard to the large number of boys we are training. Indeed, I doubt if any organisation of our size and character either in this Colony or elsewhere is being conducted and maintained on such a comparatively trifling sum. It is therefore with every confidence that I am now making an appeal to the public for its generous support. More members and larger subscriptions are wanted. Any donation you may give will be in the nature of a sound investment which, like bread cast on the water, will come back to you. It is true that you will not reap monetary advantages from your giving, but you will know that you are helping to give the men of to-morrow a better chance, thereby playing your part in making this a better world to live in.

I beg now to move that the report and statement of accounts be adopted.

METHODS AND ORGANISATION.

Seconding the motion of Dr. Kotewall, the Commissioner said he had undertaken to give an explanation, as briefly as he could, of their methods and organisation, with special reference to the local branch and to the movement in its international aspect. He could, of course, only speak with absolute certainty of the organisation of their own British Association, but with possible variations due to local circumstances, it was much the same in whatever country had taken up the Scout scheme. At the head of it is the British Association, or to give it its proper title, "The Boy Scouts Association," incorporated by Royal Charter, with its headquarters in London, is the Founder, the Chief Scout and the Headquarters Council. All Scouts' Associations in the Colonies, Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown were branches of the parent Association. In the United Kingdom each County had its County Association, with Commissioner, Secretary and so on, and these Counties were divided into District Associations, each also with District Commissioner and Officials. The District Associations were immediately in touch with the Troops, and Scoutmasters by right sit on those District Associations. In Hong Kong they more or less corresponded to a County Organisation, but as there was no need for more than one local Association, a point which had been carefully considered by the Council, their Colonial Scout Council also served as the local Association and the Scoutmasters met monthly in Committee to discuss such matters as affected the troops in detail, being kept in touch with the Council by the Executive Committee of the Council.

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THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

TWO VERY ACCEPTABLE GIFTS.

Mr. J. P. Braga, the hon. English Secretary of the New Territories Agricultural Show, writes that during the week the Committee have received two very acceptable contributions towards the fund to defray the cost of the exhibition. One is from Mr. S. de Ossa, acting consul for Chile in Hong Kong, for \$100, and the other (of \$50) from Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co. (China), Ltd.

Mr. Ossa has asked that his gift of \$100 be distributed in the form of prizes to exhibitors in the competitive section, that is, farmers of the districts in the New Territory. Mr. Ossa wrote that the conditions of the award were left entirely in the hands of the committee, who he felt sure would distribute it in the best and most efficient way possible. He, however, stipulated that when the prizes were given it should be mentioned that they were on behalf of the propaganda for the Chilean nitrate of soda.

The Committee is engaged with final arrangements for the official opening of the Show on Wednesday, December 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chief Scout of Hong Kong represented the Chief Scout of the World, Sir Robert Baden Powell, and the Commissioner was the direct representative of the Imperial Headquarters Council. The Secretary of the local Council was also secretary of the Executive Committee and the Scoutmasters' meeting, but he was assisted by a Badge Secretary who undertook, with the assistance of a sub-committee to arrange for examinations, issue of badges and keeping the stocks up to date. There were also other sub-committees, formed mainly of Scoutmasters, to deal with various parts of the work.

Referring to the boy themselves, the Commissioner said that the Scoutmaster, or Cubmaster, was in immediate touch with them, and was aided by assistants, instructors, troop councils and committees. The various ages of boys or young men engaged in scouting was catered for by three sections, the Wolf Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. Where a troop had the three sections, a Troop Council acted as the uniting bond and controlled the general welfare. Then there was also the Troop Committee, which should consist of the Scoutmaster, a representative of the parents and some other interested person, though there could be more than three members. This Committee advised as regarded troop finance, acted as a Body of Trustees of troop property, and should be able to assist in getting employment for the Scouts when they left school. Locally these troop committees were existent in only a few cases, and then mainly in name only. It was wished to get every Troop with a working Troop Committee, whether an open troop which any boy might be in, or a controlled troop, the membership of which was confined to members of some school or church or club. The importance of such a committee needed no further explanation, except to add that it did not in any way deal with the discipline or inner working of the troop itself. This lay in the hands of the Scoutmaster and the Troop Court of Honour, the members of which were Patrol Leaders of the various patrols or units of the Troop.

The Commissioner then explained the Patrol system, the division of the troop into gangs or patrols, each with its own leaders. The report and accounts were put to the meeting and passed. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

AT THE CINEMA.

"THE MAGICIAN."

SOMERSET MAUGHAM STORY
AT THE QUEEN'S.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF
MYSTERY.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

In "The Magician" Somerset Maugham has written an absorbing and creepy tale, and Rex Ingram has destroyed nothing in translating it to the screen. Though "the Magician" opens peacefully enough with excellently photographed views of Paris, Notre Dame, the hurrying Place de la Concorde, and a glimpse of those charming old world streets behind St. Etienne, there is at once a nuance of forbidding. Margaret's Studio with the powerful and sinister faun upon which she is at work gives a definite hint of unnatural horror in store, and when the evil head crashes down on her it is obviously a symbol of the net of unholy magic which is closing over her.

"Mare Nostrum" made by the same producer is a very fine film admirable in many respects but it does not reach the pinnacle of refinement and restraint of "The Magician." Every thing is suggested, little horrible shown on the screen.

The extreme rarity of any caption assists in the emotion of the film, one needs no printed words to express Margaret's half-comprehended horror, but as scene succeeds scene each seems more invested with the unclean powers of magic although innocent enough on the surface. The fair at the "Lion de Belfort," an annual lighthearted amusement of Paris, with screaming merry-go-rounds, "strong men," sword swallowers and snake charmers, seems a strange medium to use to heighten an atmosphere of black magic, and yet how admirably it does so.

"The Magician" is a real triumph for its producer, and for the screen; it is one of the best and most interesting films we have had here for a long time, and we are glad that the management of the Queen's are allowing an extra day for its showing. It is not a film for children or very nervous subjects, but we heartily recommend it to all others, for it grips ones attention from the start, and, quite apart from the story, there is very excellent photography of many interesting places to further recommend it.

"COCKTAILS" REPEATED.

"OUR CABARET" PLAYS TO A GOOD HOUSE.

"HONI SOIT" TO-NIGHT.

"Cocktails" and the "Disorderly Room" by Charles Chamier's Company "Our Cabaret" were repeated last night at the Star Theatre. There was again a good house. Charles Mason was at his best as Sergeant-Major Pulkthrough. To-night the Company will present "Honi Soit."

THE TRIP TO SHANGHAI.

GENERAL LI TSAI HSIN SAYS LITTLE.

THE REPORTS OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

MR. WANG CHING WEI LAUGHS AT THEM.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

General Li Tsai Hsin and Mr. Wang Ching Wei, Chairman of the Kuomintang, left Hong Kong on the s.s. *Empress of Asia* for Shanghai yesterday morning, having arrived at Kowloon by special train several hours before the boat sailed. They did not come from Canton by the Chinese s.s. *Feiyang* as it was at first announced they would do.

General Li Tsai Hsin had not much time to converse with Chinese pressmen, but Mr. Wang spoke freely. He said that a session of the Fourth Conference of the Central Executive Committee of the Party might be possible in Shanghai early next month, as there are now nearly 15 members of the Committee already in Canton, and they might go to Shanghai, when required. A preliminary meeting of the Committee will be held at Shanghai some time next week.

Mr. Wang believed that he would have no difficulty in arranging a general understanding with General Chiang Kai Shek. He laughed over the report that he had had misunderstanding with General Li Tsai Hsin.

Many Canton officials travelled with General Li and Mr. Wang to Hong Kong to see them off. It is understood that General Li will remain in Shanghai but a short time, leaving Mr. Wang there to attend to national questions, while he himself will return to Canton to attend to problems in South China.

A GIFT OF \$50,000 FOR CHANG FAT FUI.

Among those who have left with Mr. Wang Ching Wei and General Li Tsai Hsin for Shanghai yesterday was General Chang Fat Fui, General Chang, after remaining in Shanghai for a while, is expected to go abroad to study, and General Li Tsai Hsin is reported to have made him a gift of \$50,000 for his travelling expenses. As a general in the Chinese Army gets less than \$1,000 a month in salary, General Li's reported gift of \$50,000 is an exceedingly generous one.

According to a report in the Canton vernacular press, Mr. Sun Fo has wired from Nanking to Canton, denying that he had made any public speech attacking Mr. Wang Ching Wei. Mr. Sun attributed the report to press errors.

Canton's receipts from the 24 per cent. surtax on imports in addition to regular Customs duties and the special taxes on petroleum oils amounted to \$1,334,332.76 in October.

Foreign physicians in Canton will now have to undertake an examination before a medical board before being allowed to continue their practice. Those who have been in Canton more than five years, all the time in active practice, will be exempted from examination but they have to register. Foreigners practising medicine must have the same qualifications as the Chinese; who must have had a professional training of at least five years in a recognized school.

Chinese importers of rice bran in Canton and commission merchants in Hong Kong have joined to oppose the special tax on this article by the Kuomintang Administration, and they will suspend trade until the Authorities repeal the order to tax it issued some time ago. Rice bran is used largely in Kwangtung for the feeding of hogs and other animals required for food, and this special tax will eventually affect the cost of living.

Mr. Lee Yat, Commissioner of Public Health in Canton, is to wage war against patent medicines of doubtful value. To discourage the sale of drugs claiming high merit but worth very little, he is proposing to open a municipal laboratory where all such medicines may be analysed before being registered and permitted to advertise.

Three Cantonese, all returned students and all well known in Canton, are now aspirants for the presidency of the Shanghai Provisional Court in the International Settlement. The Kiangsu Provincial Council recently removed Mr. Lo Hing Yuan from the position and appointed Miss Soumy Tchong in his place. Foreign public opinion in Shanghai was decidedly against the change and Miss Tchong, although no objection is raised against her (Continued at foot of next column.)

PICKETS STILL LEVYING SQUEEZE.

WATCHFULNESS AND FIRM MEASURES NECESSARY.

[FROM A SHAMEN CORRESPONDENT.]

SHAMEN, November 15th.

It is true that instructions were given to the Commissioner of Police to suppress the pickets and to return seized British goods, but these instructions have not yet been carried out in their entirety. The strikers are being paid off and are going, but the pickets have not disappeared yet, and they are still levying some sort of squeeze. In order that British cargo may be passed the Chinese importers are requested to go to the picket headquarters to get a permit, and one per cent. is charged when such permits are issued. The permits, I hear, are issued by the Treasury official.

The Sincere Company had some goods seized, but when the permit was produced the cargo was allowed to go forward. Yesterday afternoon some 200 cases of kerosene oil were taken on a boat to the Chinese dockers. The pickets seized the boat and as protests were unavailing a British armed launch had to go down to the bund and rescue it.

It is generally believed that the pickets will be withdrawn eventually, but it is almost certain that they will endeavour to worry the shopkeepers in the City and it is reported that they intend to take an inventory of British goods in stock. There is no doubt that the extremists are working by underground methods against the official policy and a number of timid merchants are afraid to handle British cargo. This, of course, is detrimental to trade. Matters are improving, but constant watchfulness and very firm measures are necessary if the Government wish to avoid all danger of trouble recurring.

With regard to the bonuses paid to the strikers I may mention that my servant, and others on Shamien, each received \$2 in notes and \$35 in bonds.

PICKETS AT OTHER PORTS.

Pickets for the suppression of the importation of British goods have also made their appearance in West River ports, writes a correspondent. They are actively searching all incoming vessels and any merchandise which they think is of British origin is promptly seized and confiscated.

Recently the Sincere Company at Hong Kong sold a case of German wool to a certain hong at Wuchow, and when the case arrived there, the pickets took the wool to head-quarters despite the protest that the goods came from Germany.

The Sincere Company at Canton have instructed their Hong Kong Office not to send any British goods, for fear that they will be seized. So far the pickets have not interfered with British goods sold at the store in Canton. They are only concerned with the importation of them.

CANTON'S RELATION WITH FOREIGN POWERS.

OFFICIALS FAVOUR PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE.

In a letter dated Canton, November 15th, Reuter's Hong Kong correspondent was informed from an authoritative Chinese source that General Li Tsai Hsin and Mr. Wang Ching Wei would leave for Shanghai this week if accommodation could be obtained on a mail steamer for the Northern port. It was explained that "this visit was necessary in order to clear up some points which were obstructing a general reconciliation. It was expected that the two Canton officials meet General Chiang Kai Shek at Shanghai."

In the communication to Reuter the Canton official adds: "It is of the greatest importance to know if the joint meeting of the Central Executive Committee and the Commission of Supervision can be held anywhere, as Mr. Wang Ching Wei as well as General Li Tsai Hsin do not insist that such meeting be held in Canton. Mr. Wang and General Li will return to Canton after the meeting at Shanghai which is regarded as a sort of preliminary conference."

Reuter is further informed that, regarding the relations with the foreign Powers, both these Canton high officials favour peaceful and friendly intercourse.

personally, is hesitating about taking the post. Now Dr. Chao S. Bok has stepped in and wants the job. Mr. Loo, Dr. Bok, and Miss Tchong are all Cantonese. Dr. Bok was Chief Justice of the Canton Supreme Court at one time and Mr. Loo was Procurator-General. Then Mr. Loo became Chief Justice of the Canton Supreme Court. Dr. Bok has received a number of degrees in American universities, and Miss Tchong is a doctor of law in a French university. All three formerly were regarded as shining lights in Canton legal circles.

THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.

HONOUR SHOWN TO MR. T. P. BEATTY.

PRESENTATION FROM MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

HON. MR. W. T. SOUTHERN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

The details of the *Sunning* piracy, which occurred in November last year are well-known. Recently presentations were made to Mr. Cymack, the Chief Engineer, and to Mr. Hurst, the second officer, at Shanghai by the Marine Insurance Association in recognition of their gallantry in helping to recapture the ship, from the pirates.

Yesterday afternoon similar honour was shown by the Marine Insurance Association in Hong Kong to Mr. T. P. Beatty, the chief officer of the *Sunning*.

The ceremony took place in the Board Room of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the presentation being made, on behalf of the Marine Insurance Association, by H.E. The Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). The gifts were a telescope and a cheque.

Mr. W. C. Bailey (Chairman of the Association) presided, and in addition to H.E. The Officer Administering the Government, there were also present Capt. Forster (Private Secretary), Mr. F. C. Hall (Deputy Chairman of the Association), members of the Committee, representatives of many Insurance Companies, and the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Huddell), Comptroller J. Pearson, C.M.G., Lieut. Comdr. Pittman-Jones (Naval Intelligence Officer), Mr. N. S. Brown (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire), Capt. R. Innes (Marine Supt., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) and others.

The Chairman said: "We have met to-day to do honour to Mr. T. P. Beatty for the gallant part which he played when Chief Officer of the s.s. *Sunning* in the retaking of that vessel from the pirates, who captured her in November last whilst bound from Shanghai to Hong Kong. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has kindly honoured us with his presence in order to present to Mr. Beatty mementos of that occasion subscribed for by Insurance Companies who are members of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Marine Insurance Association, and I will now ask His Excellency if he will kindly make the presentation."

The Presentation.

His Excellency in making the presentation to Mr. Beatty said: "Mr. Bailey and Gentlemen—We have met this afternoon publicly to pay one more tribute to the gallant heroes of the sea struggle on the *Sunning*, and it is singularly appropriate that to-day should be the very anniversary of that historic event."

The story of the episode is well known to all of you. Suffice it to say that a leading part in devising and carrying out the scheme for the recapture of the ship was taken twelve months ago to-day by Mr. Beatty, the officer we are here to honour this afternoon. Mr. Beatty and Mr. Hurst thought out the plan and awaited their opportunity; and it was due to their efforts ably seconded by Mr. Cormack and other officers and members of the crew that the plans of the pirates were successfully frustrated and a gang of ruffians was completely obliterated to the great advantage of local shipping.

That officers of the mercantile marine should show such bravery in the face of heavy odds was neither surprising nor unexpected in view of the high traditions of that great service. What has so much aroused public interest in this notable event is not the mere courage and resource of brave men but the fact that it was the first setback in the long series of successes which the Biao Bay pirates had to their discredit. They have now been shown, and the Navy has recently added another lesson, that piracy is not the easy money they had come to expect and that British ships at any rate are offered by determined and courageous men who are prepared to give back better than they get. (Applause.)

The bravery of the officers of the *Sunning* has received recognition from His Majesty The King, from the owners of the vessel, from the Hong Kong Government and now from the Marine Underwriters Association of Hong Kong and Shanghai. This in itself shows how widespread are the interest in and admiration for their exploit. It would have added interest to the ceremony had it been possible for Mr. Hurst and Mr. Cormack also to have been present here to-day. This, however, proved impracticable. Mr. Hurst and Mr. Cormack have been honoured in Shanghai. It remains for us to honour Mr. Beatty. (Continued on next column.)

SIR PAUL CHATER STATUE.

DESIRE FOR ITS ERECTION IN KOWLOON.

PROPOSAL OF KOWLOON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Monday evening, the President, Mr. W. J. Stokes, being in the Chair.

It having been pointed out that there was a possibility in the near future of the Sir Paul Chater statue being erected in Hong Kong, the Committee, after a long discussion, instructed the Honorary Secretary to write to the Chairman of the Committee concerned pointing out the strong claim of Kowloon for this honour. The name of Sir Paul Chater being so intimately associated with the development of Kowloon, the members of the Committee were to emphasize the desirability of his statue forming a lasting memorial in the place he loved so well. In this connection, it was thought that the most suitable location for the statue would be in the centre of the Star Ferry approach.

A letter was read from Government stating that it concurred generally with the views expressed by the Association on the subject of advertisement hoardings on the Peninsula. In the case of the hoarding at the Railway Station, however, such was in the nature of an experiment for which a temporary permit had already been issued. The Government was unable to cancel this permit but assurance was given that the experiment would receive the most careful scrutiny.

The Association decided to write Government requesting that before the question of the renewal of the temporary permit was considered the Association be allowed an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the matter.

Kowloon Public Pier.

The disgraceful condition of Kowloon's Public Pier was again discussed. It was pointed out that tenders had been called for its reconstruction in 1916.

The Committee decided to write to the Captain Superintendent of Police asking that the question of a white traffic line at the junction of Nathan and Salisbury Roads be reconsidered and that some permanent material be set in the road bed thus obviating any tendency to float on the present unstable road surface.

Mr. Wylie presented a report in connection with educational matters affecting Kowloon.

"LUNGSHAN" DELAYED BY TIDE.

ARRIVED HERE AT MIDNIGHT.

The s.s. *Lungshan* was not able to leave Canton until 6 p.m. yesterday on account of low tide. She arrived here at 12.30 a.m. this morning and berthed at the Canton and Macao Wharf opposite the Harbour Office.

FATAL "HORSE PLAY."

YOUTH DIES OF HEART FAILURE.

Some rough "horse play" between two Chinese youths, in Bonham Strand West yesterday, ended in the death of one lad.

This boy fell on the ground and became unconscious. He was taken to the Hospital in an ambulance and died shortly afterwards, presumably from heart failure. The Police are making investigations.

here. I am delighted that the Marine Underwriters Association should have honoured me by asking me to be present at this gathering and to make this presentation. Mr. Beatty, on behalf of the Marine Underwriters Association of Hong Kong and Shanghai, I have the greatest pleasure in handing you this inscribed telescope and this cheque as mementoes of the appreciation aroused by your gallant action in the recovery of the *Sunning* from pirates in November last. Our best wishes go with you for your future welfare and success. (Applause.)

Mr. Beatty's Thanks. In reply, Mr. Beatty said he hardly knew how to thank them for their generosity and their gifts, and the honour they had conferred upon him. He appreciated it very highly. He would also like to take that opportunity of publicly thanking the Hong Kong Government and Messrs. John Swire and Sons for the sympathetic treatment extended to him and his fellow officers of the s.s. *Sunning*.

OPIUM AND \$4,000 FINE.

CASE TO BE RE-HEARD.

"DIFFERENT SOLICITORS, DIFFERENT PRINCIPLES."

A sequel to the case in which a junk master was recently fined \$4,000 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for having in his possession 500 taels of prepared opium, was heard yesterday morning at the same Court.

It will be remembered that after the conviction Mr. M. K. Lo made an application for a re-hearing on the ground that the defendant had been assaulted by the Revenue Officers, and that there had been a misinterpretation of the statement made by the two *fohis*.

Mr. Lo yesterday morning, said that in view of some developments which were taking place, and for other reasons, he would withdraw from the case and he asked his Worship to dismiss from his mind any statement or accusation which he (Mr. Lo) might have made. He understood that the case had been taken up by Mr. A. E. Hall, who had received subsequent instructions. In the presence of Mr. G. R. Sayer, who appeared on behalf of the Revenue Department, Mr. Lo repeated his previous statement respecting the alleged assault, but reminded his Worship that when he had specifically stated that the defendants were in prison he was acting upon his instructions only. Since then he had had a conversation with the Revenue Officer concerned in the case, and in view of what he had been told, he felt that he was justified in not pursuing the matter further.

Continuing Mr. Lo said that it was his principle not to apply for a re-hearing unless he was satisfied that such application was justified. In the present case he had not, at the outset, gone into the truth or otherwise of the instructions he had received, because he had had no time to do so. "But different solicitors have different ideas and principles," added Mr. Lo. Concluding, he asked his Worship not to entertain any prejudice against the defendants on account of what he had said.

Mr. Sayer remarked that he appreciated Mr. Lo's correctness of principle and the attitude he took in regard to the case. He also accepted Mr. Lo's withdrawal of the accusations which were given as the grounds for a re-hearing.

Reviewing the case, Mr. Hall said that the defendants were charged with possession, but in fact and in truth the opium, or some of it, was found at the bottom of the harbour and not on the junk. No evidence had been given to show that the opium had at any time been on board the junk. "I take it that your Worship convicted the defendants by accepting their pleas as pleas of guilty. I need not repeat the interpretation of the word 'hay' (yes). To them it means 'yes, we know what you are talking about,' and this was said in reply to the charge read out to them. I understand that on that alone your Worship convicted and fined them. I, therefore, think it only just and right that they should be made to plead again."

In opposing the application Mr. Sayer said that while nothing would give him greater pleasure than the opportunity of refuting the allegations made against this department, he did not think that there was any ground for a re-hearing, which would be a waste of time.

Mr. Lo suggested that his Worship should grant the application for a re-hearing as then the case would be thoroughly investigated and justice done.

The defendants, in reply to the usual query whether they were guilty or not guilty, stated that the opium was not found on board their junk.

His Worship then granted the application for a re-hearing which will take place on Thursday, November 23rd.

AN INCORRIGIBLE ROGUE.

A STRING OF PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

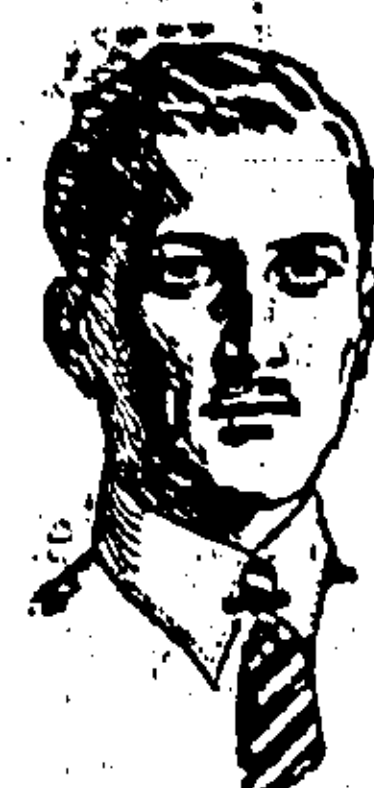
A Chinese, apparently a kleptomaniac, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday charged with the theft of 13 empty cement bags.

The man denied stealing the bags and said that they had been given to him by a foreman of Sang Lee, contractor. He was taken to this foreman by a detective for confirmation of the story, but the foreman denied giving him the bags and remarked that all cement bags belonging to Sang Lee bore the firm's chop, whereas the bags stolen bore the chop of the Green Island Cement Co.

Sub-Inspector James told the Court that the accused had a long list of convictions against him. In passing sentence of six weeks' hard labour, the Magistrate said that the defendant had done nothing but steal during the last four years.

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INTERPORT CRICKET.

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NOVEMBER 23rd—
MALAYA v. UNITED SERVICES.
NOVEMBER 25th and 26th—
SHANGHAI v. MALAYA.
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SHANGHAI v. UNITED SERVICES.
NOVEMBER 29th and 30th—
MALAYA v. HONG KONG.

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HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

THERE will be a STAND on the CHATER ROAD Side of the Ground reserved for Members of the Club, Subscribers and their Ladies. Entrance by the Small Gate in CHATER ROAD at the East End of the PAVILION. [5531]

FANLING HUNT.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the AUTUMN MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE, GROVE, The Polo Club, BONG KONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

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SWIMMING THE CHANNEL.

It is only necessary to read the Home newspapers to realise how great was the indignation aroused when it was discovered that Dr. DOROTHY LOGAN had hoaxed the world by claiming to have swum the English Channel. It is always disconcerting to be compelled to abandon belief in something heroic. Dr. LOGAN was acclaimed because it was believed that she had performed a wonderful feat in record

time for a woman. She was congratulated, feted, rewarded. The British Medical Association sent her a message of warm congratulation and recorded it upon their minutes. Scientific bodies, newspaper interviewers, and the general public united to honour this London doctor. Then suddenly Dr. LOGAN confessed that she did not swim the Channel; that she had only faint hopes or intentions of swimming the Channel; and that she deliberately planned a hoax in order to prove how easy such imposture was, and how necessary was the presence on such occasions of an accredited representative of some controlling authority.

The project originated, we are told, "in a mood of chaff," and it can only be supposed that Dr. LOGAN and the half dozen friends who aided and abetted her in her foolish enterprise expected the public to laugh uproariously when the truth was made known. But the public have been quite incapable of appreciating the joke. Nor is this surprising. What are we to think of a sense of humour which leads a woman doctor with a practice in Harley Street to set her name to a document in the form of an affidavit which begins, "I do solemnly and sincerely declare, and which ends "I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act, 1835"? The answer is that it is a sense of humour which nobly can applaud. Dr. LOGAN has discovered this fact with a thoroughness that has overwhelmed her.

We are in agreement with the critics of this misguided young woman that her efforts to hoodwink the public are specially reprehensible because suspicion has been cast upon every Channel swimmer. If Dr. LOGAN was able to fool the world what about her predecessors in the list of Channel swimmers? She has done a considerable disservice to sport. In France doubt was thrown upon her claim as soon as it was made. A woman, it was said, could not have done the swim in the time. However, it is certain that henceforth uncertified Channel swimmers will cease to carry conviction. There were signs, even before Dr. LOGAN's preposterous subterfuge, that the public were becoming suspicious, and by next summer it would probably have become useless for any swimmer to attempt the feat save under official supervision.

The organisation of supervision should not be very difficult. A model might be found in the supervision of motor-car tests undertaken by the Royal Automobile Club. What is important is that supervision should be undertaken by an accredited official of some responsible body. By next summer, in all probability, some recognised swimming organisation will have solved this difficulty. Otherwise Channel swimming will simply become an amusement carrying no prestige, in which case the number of aspirants would probably dwindle to vanishing point.

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Amoy and Hoihow on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

There will be another debate, the second of the season, at the European Y.M.C.A. this evening, beginning at nine o'clock.

Members are reminded that the annual meeting of the Craignower Cricket Club will be held to-day, at 5.30, at the Club House. The annual report was published last week.

A Shantung constable and his wife were yesterday charged at the Kowloon Magistracy with harbouring a girl of 16 years without the lawful consent of her guardian. The case was remanded until next Tuesday.

The two Chinese, arrested in connection with the armed robbery at No. 129, Queen's Road Central, will be formally charged this morning at the Central Magistracy. The third man is still at large.

An itinerant musician reported to the Police that he had been robbed of a gold watch and chain while entertaining an audience in the Public Square at Yaumati. The value of the stolen property was placed at \$82.

A musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, November 24th, at 5.30 p.m. A programme of "Romanticist Music" will be given. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's office. Tea may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Advr.

The Tea-house Employees' Guild at No. 80, Connaught Road West reported to the Police that \$1,850 had disappeared from the Guild's Funds, and that with the money also went an official and two clerks of the Guild. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the men.

A Chinese who was arrested as he was coming from the Star Ferry on Tuesday for having in his possession six tins of illicit opium, and who was subsequently let out on bail of \$400, failed to appear at the Central Magistracy yesterday when his case was called, before Major C. Willson. His bail was estreated.

The Victoria Diocesan Association are holding an "at home" for members and their friends at the Helena May Institute to-day. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m., and a meeting will follow, at which the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, M.A., will give a short address on the "Work of the Missions to Seamen." Mr. P. S. Cassidy will preside.

Tenders are being invited by the Government for the repair of the Tsim-Sha-Tsui Pier, which was damaged by the typhoon of August 20th. The pier will be re-constructed on the same lines as the Blake Pier, and its foundation will be wholly in reinforced concrete. The pier is expected to be ready for use early in January.

CHRISTMAS TOYS.

FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

The Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association have made collections of toys annually for several years for distribution amongst the hospitals and schools of the Diocese and are making a similar collection this year. Nineteen schools and institutions are on the list and a large number of toys is needed.

The toys and other articles purchased are very simple and inexpensive, but give the greatest pleasure to these poor children. An appeal for funds with which to purchase the gifts has been sent out by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, 157, The Peak, who will be glad to receive donations.

Next Sunday, being V.D.A. Sunday, children are asked to take offerings of toys to the Children's Service in the Cathedral at 10 a.m.

FIRE AT KAI TAK.

MATERIAL DESTROYED.

NO DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT.

A fire occurred about 1.30 yesterday afternoon in one of the magazines of the Royal Air Force at Kai Tak.

The fire lasted about half an hour during which time the magazine was destroyed. No one was injured; no damage was done to the aircraft or to any other part of the camp.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report issued by the Observatory at 6.10 p.m. stated:—The depression is crossing Japan. The anti-cyclone increased in intensity. Moderate to French monsoon prevail along the Coast over the China Sea.

Local forecast N.E. winds fresh fine.

MURDER ON THE PRAYA.

COOLIE ATTACKED BY THREE OTHERS.

KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AND THROWN INTO HARBOUR.

A brutal assault, which ended fatally, took place in the early hours of yesterday morning. According to the story told by an eye-witness, a Chinese coolie who had been sleeping under a verandah in Connaught Road Central, three Chinese coolies attacked another coolie at about 2 a.m. The unfortunate man put up a plucky fight against his three assailants until he was felled by a blow on his head.

After the coolie had been knocked unconscious the three men rolled him into the harbour and ran away in different directions. The coolie who had been watching, then raised the alarm with the result that one of the men was intercepted by a constable and taken to the Police Station. He will be charged this morning at the Central Magistracy. The body was recovered by Police launch later yesterday morning and the man was identified by an uncle of his who said that the murdered man had only recently arrived in the Colony.

The coolie arrested is said to be an employee of the Dairy Farm and that the motive of the attack was revenge.

LOCAL ESTATE.

MINER'S \$20,000.

Estate to the value of \$20,000 has been left in this Colony by Yap Lien Heang, alias Yap Hiong, who died at 19, Pudu Lane, Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S., on November 14th, last year. Deceased was a miner. Re-sealing of probate has been granted to Mr. L. R. Andrewes, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, the attorneys of the widow, Chong Ngiuk Yin, alias Chong Shi, who is the executrix and the adopted son, Yap Kiun Tsong, the executor.

The will provides provision for the appointment of three additional sons as executors when they shall have reached their majority.

It was also directed that the sum of \$2,000 shall be applied to the deceased's funeral expenses, and \$1,500 for the funeral expenses of his wife. Other sums are also set aside for family funeral expenses. In addition, he bequeaths an annuity to his wife of \$600 during her widowhood, to be paid in monthly instalments of \$50. The will provides for monthly payments to his sons and grandsons, and directs that every son and daughter shall receive \$200 each on their marriage. After making other family bequests, deceased orders that the trustees shall set aside a house at 66, Sultan Street, Kuala Lumpur, as a family house, to carry on the ceremonies in connection with family worship.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

MAN KNOCKED DOWN AND KILLED.

CHAUFFEUR EXONERATED.

An inquest was held yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy on a Chinese who met his death as a result of being knocked down by a motor car occupied by Mr. R. J. Paterson and Dr. Pierce Grove at Laichikok Road on October 24th, at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. W. Schofield sat as Coroner and the jury were Messrs. At. Carroll (foreman), T. Grimshaw and Young Tam Cheung. It appeared from the evidence that Dr. Pierce Grove and Mr. R. J. Paterson were returning from Castle Peak in a motor-car driven by a Shanghai Chinese chauffeur. When nearing the Laichikok Road, a motor lorry was seen coming towards them and a Chinese was standing in the middle of the road-way. The chauffeur sounded his horn, but when the car was about six yards away the man, without any apparent reason, threw himself in front of it, striking his head against the right hand lamp. He fell down in front of the left front wheel and was run over before the car could pull up.

Mr. Paterson extricated the man and went into the Gaoi to telephone for medical aid and for an ambulance, but when he returned he found that life was extinct.

A post-mortem examination made by Dr. E. J. Dovey revealed that the deceased had four of his ribs broken.

After further evidence had been heard, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and announced that no blame was attached to the driver.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held this (Thursday) afternoon. The only items on the Agenda, are the Boy Scouts Ordinance and the Dogs Ordinance.

The Attorney-General will move the first reading of the Ordinance to further and protect the activities of the Boy Scouts Association, and to incorporate the Hong Kong branch thereof.

The Dogs Ordinance will come up for its second reading.

Finance Committee. Following the Council meeting a meeting of the Finance Committee will be held when votes for supplementary expenditure amounting to \$117,448 will be asked for.

A sum of \$10,000 is required for water meters, \$38,000 for coal and \$3,200 for oil for the Canton-Kowloon railway, \$3,600 for language study allowances, \$13,500 for rent allowances, \$8,000 for running expenses of motor lorries and vans of the Sanitary Department, \$345 for the damages to a.s. Team by the Post Office launch and \$25,000 for miscellaneous services.

GUARANTEE OF GOOD CONDUCT.

ALLEGED THEFT OF \$80.

GUARANTOR HAS TO PAY.

At the Summary Court yesterday, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) Messrs. Joseph & Company of 20, Bowrington Street, Yaumati, sued an Indian watchman, named Shah Mohammad for \$100 in respect of a guarantee covering the good conduct of Mohammad Ali.

It was alleged by plaintiffs that Mohammad Ali was engaged by them through Shah Mohammad, who signed a guarantee, and that Mohammad Ali had stolen \$80 and decamped.

Mr. J. M. Hall appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. M. J. d'Almeida Remedios for defendant. The signing of the guarantee was denied by the defence.

A representative of the plaintiffs spoke of the theft of \$80 by Mohammad Ali, and stated, in reply to Mr. Hall, that the man had prised open a box.

Mr. Hall: How do you know? Witness: Because when the money was stolen he was the only person watching the office.

What day was it?—August 10th, last.

At what time was it?—Between 9.30 and 9.45 a.m.

How was it that he was left in charge of the office?—Because the *fulka* went together for their morning meal, leaving him in charge.

Witness said they had lost various other articles, including shoes and watches, but they were limiting their claim to the \$80 which they alleged was stolen.

Mr. Remedios suggested for the defence that defendant could not have signed Shah Mohammad, because he was Shah Nawaz Mohammad, and could only sign his own name, which he had learned to do since coming to Hong Kong.

Defendant in the witness box denied all knowledge of the matter, and stated that he had never seen the plaintiff's representative before, and did not know Mohammad Ali.

His Lordship said he had decided to believe the story told by the plaintiffs, and entered judgment for plaintiffs, with costs.

THE MISTAKES OF FAMILY PEOPLE.

A MAD WOMAN DRAWS A CROWD.

A new form of entertainment was provided for an inquisitive crowd by a Chinese woman shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday evening in Queen's Road Central.

With a new paper umbrella held in her right hand and a towel in the other, and waving these articles about to emphasise her weird song, and patter about the mistakes made by family people, the woman soon became the centre of attraction.

By the time Beaconsfield Arcade was reached the crowd had gathered in strength to the point of interfering with traffic. The woman's antics and amusing patter drew jeers from the crowd while the more mischievous street boys often threw a missile in her direction. This pleasant diversion soon had an ending further down the road when an Indian constable took the crowd in hand, while sympathetic friends of the woman hurried her away in the direction of Wanchai.

DEATH OF DR. W. W. PEARSE.

HIS CAREER IN HONG KONG.

A MAN OF MARKED INDIVIDUALITY AND STRONG CHARACTER.

[AN APPRECIATION BY DR. W. V. M. KOCH.]

A telegram was received yesterday from the Secretary of State in London informing the Local Government of the death of Dr. W. W. Pearse on the 11th instant.

Dr. Pearse retired on pension about June last year and left the Colony to rejoin his wife and child in the South of France. Although he had been ailing for some time previously, and was at the time of his retirement still showing traces of ill health, it was hoped by his friends that rest and change of climate would benefit him and it was, therefore, a shock to hear the news that came through yesterday.

Dr. Pearse was appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health in 1901 and assumed his duties in August of that year. He held that post until 1915 when he was appointed Medical Officer of Health on the retirement of Dr. Clark, but he had acted as M.O.H. on four occasions previously.

Dr. Pearse was a man of marked individuality and of strong character. He had a wide culture and deep learning. He was not of that nature that made many friends but those friends he had who understood him admired him for his sterling worth. He was not a man who "suffered fools gladly," and he formed strong opinions which he was never afraid of expressing even though they were unpopular. But nevertheless he won the admiration of all who worked with him and under him. He was in the Colony when the Sanitary Department passed through some troublous times, when several suffered censure, and several were eclipsed. He witnessed an augmentation of the Medical Staff of the Department under the pressure of the Simpson report, and he was a sad spectator of the reduction in numbers of that staff when the need for their assistance remained, and still remains, urgent. It was always a source of deep regret to him, not to say, annoyance, that his post, although designated "Medical Officer of Health," was no more than that of a Senior Sanitary Inspector. He never really performed the duties of the Medical Officer of Health as such duties are performed at Home. The exigencies of the work and the peculiarities of the Ordinance combined to push him into this second rate position, and he chafed at first, but latterly became amusingly cynical about his position in the Department.

He was a great raconteur and had many amusing stories of men, some of whom have passed away, and some of whom are still living, and they were all interesting and told nothing from a touch of cynicism, which ran through them, for his memory always was excellent. He was certainly a brilliant man, of exceptional ability, and it seems a thousand pities that the peculiarities of the surroundings of his official position combined to weigh down and bury his talents. I am reminded of a cynical remark attributed to some official (let me say, some junior official) in Downing Street, who replied to a man asking for some extra leave, while reading for a higher degree on the ground that the extra knowledge would be of great benefit to the Colony concerned,—"Why pay for a razor when an ordinary table knife is good enough."

And so dear old Pearse has joined the great majority—We, his contemporaries, will look back with affection on our friendship with him. May he rest in peace.—W.V.M.K.

Dr. Pearse was 57 years of age. He took his M.B. degree at Aberdeen University in 1893, and the D.P.H. and M.D. degrees at the same University later. His first official appointment was as Medical Officer to the Shoreditch Infirmary in 1894.

DUE THIS WEEK. ON THE "KHIVA."

Passengers due to arrive this week on the *Khiva* for Hong Kong include:—Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mrs. J. J. Carroll, Mrs. A. F. Daly, Mr. C. E. Grist, Mr. R. Grieve, Miss M. Grant, Miss A. Horne, Mrs. M. H. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. G. Reynolds-Turner and Mr. R. H. Turner.

COMMANDER CHEN RUSHES HIS GUNBOATS TO HANKOW.

WUHAN'S NAVAL STRATEGIC POINTS TAKEN OVER. HANKOW NOW HELD BY NANKING TROOPS.

HEAVY FIRING CONTINUING AT PENGPU. SUN CHUAN FANG RESISTING SOUTHERN ATTACK.

KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT NANKING ON JANUARY 1st.

It now appears that the Nanking Government has decided to hold the Fourth Kuomintang Conference at Nanking and not at Shanghai, as has been several times announced. The Conference will take place on January 1st.

Hankow, it would seem, has been held by the Nanking troops since the night of the 15th inst. Nanking Government offer a large reward for the arrest of General Tang Seng Chi, whom they describe as a "traitor to the Kuomintang as well as to the country."

Sun Chuan Fang's troops are reported to be stoutly resisting the Southern troops at Pengpu, at which city heavy firing still continues.

Commodore Chen Shiu Fan, commander of the Nanking Government's Yangtze Fleet, reports that on Monday night a number of the Fleet's gunboats were rushed up to Hankow, and the chief naval strategic points taken over.

CHINA'S WARS.

NEWS FROM THE VARIOUS FRONTS.

LIGHT ON THE CHAOS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 16th. News of the various campaigns in Shansi, Honan, Shantung and Anhwei is conflicting, both sides claiming successes which are difficult to verify reliably.

The Fengtienese claim the capture of the important Pingching-kwan Pass in North-Shansi, enabling them to threaten the retreat of the North-Shansi forces holding Yenmenkuan Pass further west of Taiyuanfu.

Shantung troops state that they counter-attacked in eastern Honan and recaptured Yuchengho and Kweichow and that Feng Yu Hsiang's troops are suffering considerable losses owing to the alleged inaction of Liu Chen Hua.

On the contrary Feng Yu Hsiang, claims that he is pressing on in Shantung at the K'aihsiang, Kinsianghsien, Yuchengho front, all of which he has captured, while he alleges that the Shantung troops are fast disintegrating and are not expected strongly to resist Ho Ying Ching's advance along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway.

Ho Ying Ching's headquarters are at Linhaiwan.

It is reported that Sun Chuan Fang is entrenched along the Hwaiho and successfully resisting the Nanking troops' attempts to advance northwards.

Yesterday 8,000 reinforcements crossed the North Yangtze at Hankow.

On the 15th inst., five Nanking gunboats anchored off Wuchang and the Nanking Sixth Army are entering Wuchang this morning.

Nanking troops have not entered Hankow up to the present but the river bank from Kwangshihkang is crowded with troops going to Wuchang.

An aeroplane reconnoitred the area this morning.

Ho Chien's forces are retreating to Changteh. The Nanking Generalissimo Chen Chien, who is expected to take over command in Wuchang, has ordered a cessation of hostilities.

FENGTIENESE TO MAKE A GENERAL ATTACK.

[Wah Tsu Yat Pao.]

SHANGHAI, November 16th. The Fengtienese are preparing for another general attack on the Shansi troops, and intend to advance to the Shansi border from Southern Chihli. A large number of Fengtienese have already concentrated at Shihchiachuan, where they intend to push on towards Xiangtsikwan.

The preparatory meeting of the 4th Kuomintang Conference will be held at Shanghai on the 21st inst. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has been persuaded to attend. The formal conference which it had been suggested should be held at Shanghai, will now probably be held in Nanking. The date for the opening of the conference has been fixed for January 1st.

Commodore Chen Shiu Fan, commanding the Yangtze Fleet, has telegraphed to the Nanking Government that a number of gunboats were rushed to Hankow on Monday night and on the following day they succeeded to take over all naval strategic points at Wuchang.

FRENCH KIDNAPPED PARTY.

AGREEMENT AS TO THEIR LIBERATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 16th.

The *Matin* learns from Tadla that an agreement has been reached for the liberation of M.M. St. Ege and Maillet, and Mesdames Prokoff and Steinheil.

[Earlier messages stated.—Four members of a hunting party, M.M. Yves St. Ege and Jean Maillet, who are nephews of the Resident-General, and Mesdames Prokoff and Steinheil, have been kidnapped by Moorish tribesmen. The first indication of the affair was the discovery of the party's abandoned motor-car in a forest at Douara, 125 miles south-east of Casa Blanca. In the car two dead dogs, scattered hair-pins, a broken pearl necklace, a cartridge case, and other signs of a violent struggle were found. It is hoped that the tribesmen are aware of the identity of the kidnapped persons and will not kill them, but hold them to ransom. The troops have been called out. [Robot, October 24th.—An envoy has ascertained the whereabouts of the four kidnapped persons, who are being well-treated. They asked for clothes, which were sent.]

PRICE OF WELSH TINPLATES.

STABILISATION AGREED.

OUTPUT CURTAILMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 16th.

Over 90 per cent. of the Welsh plate manufacturers have provisionally agreed to stabilise the price of Welsh tinplates at 17s. 9d. per standard box, and the Swansea Association are considering a further scheme to curtail the output in accordance with the demand.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TARIFFS.

DATE OF ENFORCEMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 15th.

It is announced that the Foreign Minister has informed the United States Embassy that the new tariff rates, applicable to certain American goods under the recent Franco-American arrangement, will be enforced on November 21st.

MR. AMERY'S COLONIAL TOUR.

TO LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 15th.

Sir George Hennessey, in the House of Commons on behalf of the Dominions Office, stated that Mr. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominions, "according to present plans would leave Australia for New Zealand on November 17th, reaching New Zealand on November 27th. He would later sail for Canada, and be there from January 5th until February 3rd or 10th, and it might be expected he would be back in England a week later."

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND THE FARMERS.

NO TARIFF CONCESSION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15th.

Mr. Charles Nagel, the former Assistant Secretary for Commerce, has presented to President Coolidge a report on the best means of helping the American farmer, recommending, *inter alia*, the revision of the tariff and railway rates, in order to enable the farmer to purchase and transport his products more cheaply, but it is announced that President Coolidge is firmly opposed to any reduction in the tariff believing that any change will militate against the farmer instead of being in his favour.

HAYLEY MORRIS SEES DIVORCE.

CO-RESPONDENT CLAIMS HEAVY DAMAGES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 15th.

On the application of counsel for Hayley Morris (formerly of Shanghai), the divorce court has fixed November 28th for hearing his suit against his wife.

Counsel explained that the application was necessary because the Home Office would have to be asked to remove him from his present prison to a more convenient spot to attend the proceedings.

Counsel for the co-respondent mentioned that there was a claim for heavy damages, which formed the main contest to the suit.

NEW O.C. FOR S.V.C.

COLONEL GORDON RETIRING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 16th.

Colonel Orpen Palmer, ex-British Military Attaché at the Peking Legation, has been appointed Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps in succession to Colonel Gordon, who is retiring in February.

AMERICA'S NEW AIR-CRAFT-CARRIER.

WONDERFUL-ELECTRICALLY-DRIVEN VESSEL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16th.

The mammoth electrically-driven aircraft-carrier *Saratoga*, commissioned by the United States Navy for New Jersey, carries 83 aircraft and a crew of 1,365 in addition to 450 aviation ratings.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE RETURNING.

SOLOMON ISLANDS PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Nov. 15th.

Owing to the unhealthy conditions at Malaita, the naval force which was sent there following the Solomon Islanders getting out of hand and committing a number of murders, will be withdrawn as early as possible.

Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives, said that a few volunteers and the native police would be sufficient to maintain order. The cruiser *Adelaide* will return to Sydney.

SUGAR CONFERENCE.

THE ONLY SAFEGUARD FOR BRITAIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 15th.

In a letter to the Press Association referring to the Paris Sugar Conference decision, Mr. Ben Morgan, Chairman of the Sugar Federation of the British Empire, declares that Great Britain will again be subject to organised foreign control of a stable foodstuff. The only safeguard lies in the development of the Empire sugar industry.

The Federation asks for the free entry of Empire sugar into Great Britain if sold to a British refiner.

WORLD'S ALTITUDE RECORD.

A POSTHUMOUS HONOUR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15th.

The president of the National Aeronautic Association has announced the new balloon altitude record credited to Captain Hawthorne Gray, the United States army aviator, who died on November 5th, after ascending to a height of 42,470 feet.

This height was marked on his barograph when the balloon descended. The aeronaut was found dead, with the pipe to his oxygen apparatus severed, apparently cut accidentally while he was trying to slash free another sandbag with the intention of rising still higher.

Captain Gray's balloon has exceeded all previous records by nearly a mile.

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PENSIONS AND PAY.

WHAT FRENCH COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS WANT.

M. POINCARÉ FIRM.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 16th.

Twice yesterday Communists and Socialists in the Chamber of Deputies challenged M. Poincaré on proposals for increases in pensions and civil service pay.

M. Poincaré insisted that no increases could be granted without jeopardizing the Budget balance.

He made the matter one of confidence, and obtained a majority of over 130 votes.

THE PITTSBURG CALMITY.

CROWDS THROG THE MORGUE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PITTSBURG, Nov. 15th.

Poignant incidents are associated with yesterday's explosion.

Thousands of people surged round the doors of the morgue anxious to view the dead. The authorities appealed to those actuated by curiosity to depart, and make room for the bereaved.

The morgue is so congested that the regular undertakers have summoned outside assistance.

Monetary subscriptions are already flowing in freely.

PORTUGUESE FLAG DISCRIMINATION.

BRITISH INTEREST IN MEASURE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 15th.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, was asked what progress had been made in negotiations with the Portuguese Government over their flag discrimination decree.

He said he understood that a commission appointed by the Portuguese Government to examine the question of shipping charges, had made its report, and a decree might be issued by the Portuguese Government shortly. The decree when issued would be examined, to see how far it met the joint representation made to the Portuguese Government.

ALLEGED MEXICAN INTRIGUE.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15th.

The Mexican Embassy describes the alleged facsimiles of Mexican documents, mentioned yesterday, as "forgeries which are unworthy of comment."

The *New York American* in the meantime is publishing further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles or his subordinates, showing the trend of Mexican policy with regard to Nicaragua.

[A cable dated November 14th stated: The *New York American* reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the President Calles of Mexico, authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda, for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal revolutionary army in Nicaragua.]

THE 'NON-STOP' FLIGHT TO INDIA.

NO REPORT RECEIVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 15th.

Captain McIntosh and Mr. Bert Hinkler who left Wiltshire on Tuesday afternoon on a non-stop flight to India, are flying a Fokker monoplane, the *Princess Xenia*, which is fitted with a Bristol-Jupiter engine, and carries 800 gallons of petrol. The airmen are carrying sandwiches and biscuits, meat extracts, hot coffee, tea and cold water.

The flight is a private venture, but the Air Ministry is sympathetically interested.

[Captain McIntosh attempted a trans-Atlantic flight from Ireland, a few months ago, but gave up owing to bad weather.]

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.] Favourable Weather.

RUGBY, Nov. 15th.

Captain McIntosh and Mr. Bert Hinkler left Upavon Aerodrome, Wiltshire, this afternoon, on a non-stop flight to India.

The attempt is being made by the two airmen to wrest from America the world record for a non-stop flight.

They are flying in the Fokker monoplane *Princess Xenia*, in which Captain McIntosh began his flight to America, but was compelled to turn back by bad weather off the west coast of Ireland.

Weather conditions were good when to-day's flight started. The sun was shining, there was a fresh westerly wind, and the *Princess Xenia* took off perfectly.

No Wireless.

LATER: Fifteen hours after the start of the McIntosh flight no reports have been received, but the machine does not carry any wireless set.

The greatest public interest is being evinced in the effort to wrest the long-distance record of 3,500 miles which is held by the American trans-Atlantic fliers, Chamberlin and Levine, especially after the bad luck attending Flight Lieut. Carr's three attempts.

Capt. McIntosh and his friends have contributed every penny of the capital necessary for the flight, except the last £500 which came from two Midland business men.

RECENT OPIUM SEIZURE.

BRIBE OFFERED TO POLICE SERGEANT.

FIRST BID OF \$400 RAISED TO \$3,000.

While the No. 5 patrol launch of the Water Police was steaming in the Central Fairway on November 7th, at about 5.45 p.m., the Sergeant on duty noticed a junk acting in a very suspicious manner. He ordered the junk to leave to, but instead the craft ran into the junk anchorage and tied alongside two sampans.

The Police launch followed and when closing up the Sergeant noticed three men from the junk slip into the water. He boarded the junk and saw a number of cases which bore no marks. Later two of the men were seen sitting on the rydder of a sampan. They were arrested and asked what the cases contained. They replied that they did not know, but when challenged by the Sergeant that the cases contained opium, they admitted it and said they were taking the cases to an American ship.

The master of the junk offered \$400 to the sergeant and said that he would give another \$1,000 if the sergeant would go with him to Hong Kong. This offer was later raised to \$3,000. The men, however, were taken to the Water Police Station where the cases were opened. The opium was found in tins of various sizes. On board the junk there were eight empty cases and four large casks of resin.

The master of the junk was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with possession of the drug. Mr. W. Schofield, the Magistrate, decided to hear the case on Tuesday morning at 11.30.

INDIAN REFORMS.

STATUTORY COMMISSION BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

STATEMENT BY LORD BIRKENHEAD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 15th.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Indian Statutory Commission Bill, Lord Olivier on behalf of the Labour Party, and Lord Reading for the Liberals, heartily supporting it.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 15th.

The Earl of Birkenhead (Secretary of State for India) in the House of Lords moved the second reading of the Bill setting up the India Statutory Commission.

He reminded the House that it was originally contemplated that at a period of ten years there should be appointed a Commission to examine the progress which had been made, and to report to Parliament upon the existing situation.

There was no special magic in the period of ten years. They might assume it was adopted as a convenient period, affording sufficient time for the instruction of those whose duty it might be to re-examine the whole situation.

Since his accession to the office of Secretary of State for India, he had been greatly pressed in many quarters to accelerate the appointment of the Commission. It had not seemed to him, and his responsible advisers in India, that the atmosphere at the moment when those appeals—he might almost say demands—were put forward, was such as to afford much encouragement to those who were invited to make the change.

Encouraging Tendencies.

But there was never any strong view that the period so fixed had necessarily to receive pedantic adherence. "I do not wish," said Lord Birkenhead, "to under-rate such encouraging tendencies as have manifested themselves in India in the course of the last two or three years. Such tendencies there have been. There has been a growing realisation, in my judgment, that the policy of non-co-operation was not in itself very happily conceived, nor likely to create in this country a general impression that those who were unwilling to co-operate in the working of the existing constitution had fully established their case for acceleration at the moment when that constitution was to be re-examined. There has been unquestionably, in the last two or three years, a change of tone and temper in India, and the changes have nearly all been in the direction of improved relationship."

Continuing, Lord Birkenhead said it was his duty very carefully, and without heat or resentment, to examine closely the opinion which was entertained in India in relation to the present proposals of government, and to appraise their value and importance. But to-day he wished merely to justify the view held by the Government, that the moment had arrived at which the appointment of this Commission might suitably and without danger to the public interest be accelerated. He believed all three parties in the House were agreed that the moment had arrived when we might usefully approach the greatest constitutional problem which had faced statesmen of this country for many generations.

General Approval.

Lord Olivier, the former Labour Secretary for India, said the Labour Party fully supported the Bill, while reserving themselves in regard to the procedure and constitution of the Commission.

Lord Reading (former Viceroy of India) said the Liberal Party approved the Bill. The Government had acted wisely, and had really shown a desire to consult the views of Indian politicians, and generally to give effect to the views of India in regard to the earlier date for the statutory period. It was solely in the public interest of India that the Government had determined to curtail the time. When Indians fully understood the views of the Government, and the opportunities that would be given them to make their case heard, there would be much less tendency to take an adverse view of the appointment of the Commission.

The Bill was read a second time.

CRICKET.

ARMY v. R.A.F.

This match was played yesterday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Hong Kong C.C. ground, but for the occasion. As usual with Wednesday matches I was unable to see much of the game and my account is compiled largely from hear-say evidence.

The Air-Force were very unlucky to have their side cut to bits at the last moment by the calls of duty and by sickness. They had also one very bad piece of luck on the ground as Bruce during the course of the morning got a touch of the sun and was obliged to retire. Very wisely, in view of the forth-coming Interport, he did not attempt to bat. Eventually the R.A.F. side was made good by the inclusion of Pay-Lieut. Com. Shaw, R.N., and Private Lake, R.A.O.C. This will serve to explain the discrepancy between the R.A.F. bowling and batting personnel as shown in the score sheet.

Mixed Batting By Army.

The Army batted right up to 1 p.m. during which time they collected 232 runs for 6 wickets. Dines headed the list with 112, a very fine knock, I am told, though he might have been a c and b, and also gave a hard low chance in the slips when near his hundred. The first three wickets fell fairly cheaply, but Graham, who batted very well for 25, and Erskine (14) stopped the rot, and Morris got well set. I am very glad to see that he is emerging from his patch. Opinions differ as to his innings, but I saw him play one or two very pretty shots during the few minutes I witnessed his innings. Dobbie also hit well, getting one of the prettiest cow-shot sixes to mid-wicket I have seen for years. The shot was deliberately played, and perfectly timed, and although he merely seemed to tap the ball it hit the Club Annex, I believe.

R.A.F. Bat.

The bad luck and changes in the morning had rather upset the Air Force, I think; nor am I surprised. The Army rang the changes on the bowling well and the whole side were out for 120. 5 wickets were down for 44 but Mellor and Healing by some lucky hitting, seasoned by a certain amount of good fortune—exactly doubled the score before they were parted, but no one else did much. Hankey had 4 for 21 and Thorp 2 for 11, but I am afraid I did not see much of them though I enjoyed Thorp's c and b, which he got at the second attempt from a high return.

Score and analysis—

First Innings of Army.
Lt. Dines, st. Mellor, b. Lake, 112
Lt. Hankey, lbw, b. French, 9
Capt. Bridgeland, c. Dale, b. Bruce, 25
Lt. Burton, c. Robertson, b. Dale, 10
Capt. Graham, c. Shaw, b. Bruce, 23
Capt. Erskine, c. Mellor, b. French, 14
Capt. Morris, not out, 23
Extras: byes 18, leg bye 1, wide 1, 20

Total (for 6 wks).....232
Capt. Thorp, Capt. Bingham, and Mr. Carr. Fogden did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 32; 2 for 41; 3 for 47; 4 for 100; 5 for 138; 6 for 205.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bruce	8	1	43	2
L.A.C. French	16	2	48	2
Lt. Dale	4	0	17	1
A.C. Recks	3	0	11	0
L.A.C. Simeon	7	0	32	0
Pty. Lt. Com.				
Shaw	5	0	17	0
Pte. Lake	9	0	39	1
Group Captain				
Robertson	4	0	25	1

Bowled 1 wide.

First Innings of R.A.F.

L.A.C. Simeon, c. and b. Hankey, 3
Lt. J. Dale, lbw, b. Hankey, 22
Group Capt. Robertson, run out, 4
Pte. Lake, b. Thorp, 8
F/O. Mellor, b. Bingham, 21
Lt. Com. Shaw, c. and b. Thorp, 0
Lt. Healing, c. Fogden, b. Burton, 31
L.A.C. French, b. Erskine, 4
Lt. Keene, b. Hankey, 12
A.C. Morris, b. Hankey, 5
A.C. Recks, not out, 0
Extras: byes 2, wide 1, 10

Total.....129
Fall of wickets:—1 for 24; 2 for 23; 3 for 39; 4 for 44; 5 for 44; 6 for 58; 7 for 94; 8 for 102; 9 for 113; 10 for 120.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Dobbie	3	0	6	0
Lt. Hankey	9.5	3	21	4
Capt. Erskine	10	3	34	1
Capt. Thorp	4	1	13	1
Capt. Bingham	7	2	13	1
Lt. Burton	6	1	20	1

Bowled 1 wide.

THE MALAYA TEAM.

I regret that in forwarding the Malaya side I inadvertently omitted the name H. R. Rix. "Belloch" should be spelt "Belloch".

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' CLUB "AT HOME."

MRS. RUSSELL BROWN PRESENTS PRIZES.

The Ladies' Recreation Club held their annual "At Home" at the Clubhouse, May Road, yesterday when the opportunity was taken to conclude the Lawn Tennis Tournament. Several finals were decided and at the last moment an exhibition singles match was arranged between Col. Russell Brown and Lieut. Hale, which resulted in a spectacular win for Col. Russell Brown.

Tea and refreshments were served during the afternoon and a very enjoyable time was spent. A good number of members and friends were present, among them being H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Miss Luard, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mrs. Scovell, Major and Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Tottenham, Miss Enid Lo, Major Lucas, Rev. and Mrs. F. P. W. Alexander, Mrs. Sandeman, Mr. O. C. Womack, Mrs. F. Hayley Bell, and Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown.

Tennis Matches.

In the final of the Club Singles Championship Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, ladies' champion of the Colony, outplayed Mrs. Hall and won easily in straight sets. In another final Mr. and Mrs. Grigor proved to be much too strong for Mr. and Mrs. Remington whom they beat by 6-0, 6-2.

Mrs. Tottenham was successful also in the Ladies' Doubles in which she and Mrs. Miles beat Miss Carothers and Mrs. Ellaby, losing one game only in the series. The most attractive event of the afternoon was the exhibition match between Col. Russell Brown and Lieut. Hale. The former is a familiar figure among local followers of the game. Lieut. Hale, of the R.A.F., is a new arrival in the Colony. The match reached a high standard and some excellent play was seen. Both played aggressive tennis and some of the rallies were exceedingly well fought out. Col. Russell Brown appeared in splendid form and scored frequently by neat side line placements, which worried his opponent a great deal. His chops had great effect and kept the balls low. Lieut. Hale possesses a variety of strokes and when more accustomed to Hong Kong courts should be able to give a better account of himself.

The first set was a splendid struggle. Each took a game alternately until 6 all, with the newcomers leading all the way. Then Col. Russell Brown broke through his opponent's service and held his own in the next game to win the first set. Play became faster in the second set. Lieut. Hale did rightly in trying to force the pace to outplay his opponent but Col. Russell Brown put up a stiff defence and won the second set in spectacular style.

Full results were as follows:—
CLUB SINGLES FINAL:—Mrs. R. E. Tottenham beat Mrs. Hall, 6-2, 6-1.
MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP FINAL:—Mr. and Mrs. Grigor beat Mr. and Mrs. Remington, 6-0, 6-2.

DUBLES HANDICAP FINAL:—Mrs. R. E. Tottenham and Mrs. Miles beat Miss Carothers and Mrs. Ellaby, 6-0, 6-1.

EXHIBITION SINGLES (Men's):—Col. Russell Brown beat Lieut. Hale, 6-0, 6-3.

Two finals remain to be played:—
MEN'S SINGLES:—R. E. Tottenham v. Col. Russell Brown.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP:—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark v. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham.

Distribution of Prizes.

At the conclusion of the matches, Mrs. Russell Brown, the President, in a neat little speech, referred to the presentation of prizes, and improvements during the past year. The Club has repainted the hard courts and relaid the grass courts, besides re-building the two walls damaged by the typhoon, all of which required money, which Mrs. Russell Brown declared was the one thing the Club had not got. The Club had now to carry a liability of about \$3,000 owing to the improvements. To meet that the Committee had devised various ways of raising funds which would make the Club solvent again at the end of next year and she appealed to the members for support.

She paid tributes to Mrs. Craig, the Hon. Secretary, who had rendered excellent service to the Club during the past year and to Mrs. James, the Club captain, who had organised the Tournament in a very efficient manner.

(Continued on next Column.)

HONG KONG ELECTRIC R.C. v. R.A.O.C.

This league match will be played on the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club's ground at King's Park on Saturday.
Hong Kong Electric R.C. team:—S. Deacon, L. de Rome, J. C. Dunbar, T. L. Foster, C. E. Gahagan, W. N. H. Murdoch, W. B. Muskett, F. Normington, B. J. Stangely, G. G. Thomson, and J. R. Way (capt.). Reserves: H. F. Akhurst and J. F. Lunny.

CHESS.

CAPABLANCA WINS THE 29th GAME.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Buenos Aires, Nov. 16th.
A single pawn decided the 29th game, in the Chess Championship in Capablanca's favour, after 70 moves. The queen and other important pieces had already been exchanged. Alekhine at present leads by 4 wins to 3.

SERIES OF GAMES AT KOWLOON.

A series of games were played at the Kowloon Chess Club on Tuesday night between a team of ten from H.M.S. "Thetis" and the Submarines and the Club. The match resulted in a victory for the Club by the narrow margin of only two points.

The Naval team was captained by P.O. Gerry, and the Club captain, Mr. D. E. Carvalho, was in charge of the other side. The Club scored six points and the visitors four points.

The Naval team comprised Petty Officers E. Gerry, Hawkins, Matson, Owens, Hall and Winter, Chief Petty Officers Fox and Morris and A.B. Blackwell and A.B. Billings.

The Chess Club was represented by D. E. Carvalho, S. Latif Husain, Y. P. Lee, C. M. Sequeira, S. G. Kumble, H. W. Randall, F. C. Faers, B. D. Evans, C. E. Wong and F. Rosario.

STEEL COULSON BILLIARDS LEAGUE.

The following table shows the positions up to yesterday of the various teams in the Steel Coulson Billiards League:

Teams.	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
St. Patrick's	15	14	4	88
K.O.S.B.	15	11	4	80
Naval Dockyard	14	10	4	80
Warders	13	9	6	18
Garrison Mess	13	9	6	18
Police	13	5	8	10
R.E. Sgts.	13	5	10	10
R.A. Sgts.	13	5	10	10
Queen's	16	4	12	8
Army Pay Corps	16	3	13	6

Y.M.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.

Billiards enthusiasts from the Kowloon European Y.M.C.A. met a team from the South China Athletic Association at the latter's club room, in China Building, last night. The following were the scores:

Y.M.C.A.	S.C.A.A.
Brown	200
Haslett	128
Taylor	165
Leach	180
Cowherd	182
Ponsford	152
H. N. Tai	120
L. Y. Wong	200
C. N. Tsang	200
Kwok	200
P. N. Yang	200
C. K. Sinn	200

The Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, on behalf of the visitors, expressed thanks to Mrs. Russell Brown for kindly giving away the prizes. He said they had all seen the improvements in the Club grounds and he was sure Mrs. Russell Brown, in a large measure, was responsible for them during the four years she had been President.

Prize Winners.

The prize winners included the competitors of yesterday's finals and Mrs. Tottenham, winner of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony, and Miss Enid Lo, runner-up. Mrs. Tottenham has by virtue of being three times champion in consecutive years won the Challenge Cup.

The Ladies' Championship.

It is interesting to note that the Ladies' Singles Championship of the Colony was started as long ago as 1889. In the long history, Mrs. Armstrong, who was one of the best lady players the Colony has seen, won the title in 1910, 1911, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921. The winners for the past ten years are published below:

1917	Miss Wilkinson.
1918	Mrs. Armstrong.
1919	Mrs. Armstrong.
1920	Mrs. Armstrong.
1921	Mrs. Armstrong.
1922	Mrs. E. Grimbale.
1923	Miss P. Grace.
1924	Mrs. Tottenham.
1925	Mrs. Tottenham.
1926	Mrs. Tottenham.
1927	Mrs. Tottenham.

VINCENT RICHARDS.

AMERICAN ACE TO PLAY LOCALLY.

Vincent Richards, American Ace, Davis Cup star, etc., who is on his way to Manila, will play in Hong Kong next week. Much interest centres in his visit and arrangements have been made by the Chinese Recreation Club to accommodate him on their courts on Tuesday next when local exponents will be given a chance to test their skill against one of the best players in the world. He is expected to arrive by the a.s. Empress of Canada.

FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE COMPETITION.

RESULT OF FINAL.

The final of the Queen's College Inter-class Football Competition was played yesterday afternoon on the College ground, Causeway Bay, when Class 5a won the shield by defeating Class 4a by five goals to one.

Amongst those present at the match were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. C. G. Anderson (Secretary, Old Boys' Association), Mr. J. F. Groves, Capt. Ritchie, Mr. Mak Kai Hang, Mr. Chow Ping Yuen, the staff of the College, and many Old Boys. At the close of the game, Mr. A. H. Crook (the Headmaster) expressed the pleasure of those present at having the Queen's College Old Boys' Association there to distribute the shield and medals.

Lower School Congratulated.

In a happy speech Mr. Crook said that all the sports competitions for 1927 were now over and there remained only the final examination. (Laughter.)

The event which they had witnessed that afternoon had provided a very successful year so far as sports were concerned.

In congratulating Class 5a in coming through the competition so successfully, Mr. Crook said that they had won all their matches without a goal being scored against them except for the goal scored in the final match—a very good record indeed. The shield had in previous years always gone to the Upper Schools, and for the first time the Lower School had succeeded in winning it, and he hoped they would endeavour to retain it. (Applause.)

Continuing, Mr. Crook said that the students would do well to remember that the shield and prizes were given by the Old Boys' Association, which took a keen interest in their welfare.

In conclusion, Mr. Crook thanked Mr. Hamilton for the trouble he had taken in running the competition. He also thanked Mr. Ip Kau for acting as referee in the match. Mr. Ip Kau, he said, was well known as a football enthusiast in the Colony, and more so in Queen's College for the interest he took in school football.

Praise for Masters.

The shield and medals having been handed over to the winners, Mr. George Grimbale said that Mr. Crook had said some very nice things about the Queen's College Old Boys, but he could not agree that they deserved all the praise for the high standard of sport in the school. He thought it was the masters who should be praised.

In closing Mr. Grimbale advised the boys to keep up their sports and always play the game.

Cheers for the masters and for Mr. Grimbale closed the proceedings.

TAIKOO MATCH.

A large number of spectators witnessed the friendly match on the Club ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon between the Tai Koo Recreation Club and the Tai Koo Chinese Club. Apart from many Tai Koo residents who were there to see the contest between the European and Chinese staffs, the event drew the usual Chinese enthusiasts who crowded the stands.

Both sides played a very sporting game, and there were many interesting moments, often mixed with amusement when in heading and kicking, the ball had a tendency to go in all but the intended direction.

In the first half the Chinese scored the only goal of the match through Chu Kwong Yuong. There were exciting times in the second half when the Europeans came very close to drawing level, while the Chinese often raced down to increase their lead. The game ended in a bad light, with the result as stated. Teams:—

Tai Koo Recreation Club:—G. Gerrard, A. McWhirter and D. Sherman; W. Bell, J. Stewart and D. McLean; H. Bell, W. Johnston, G. Stewart, A. McLeod and W. Gardner.

Tai Koo Chinese Club:—Lok King Cheung; Fung Ping and Chan Wing Yin; Lau Hon Wing; Fan Wah Hing and Ho Cho Yin; Lee Shui Kan, Chu Kwong Yuong, Tin Lay Fat, Lee Hung Ching and Chan Hing Kui.

DIOCESAN BOYS SCHOOL DEFEAT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

This match was played on the Diocesan Boys School ground, Kowloon, on Tuesday and resulted in a win for the home side by four goals to nil. St. Stephen's appeared to be suffering from lack of practice and showed little team work; their attack could not penetrate the defence of the School whose forwards also combined well.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

The first of a series of Interport trial matches will be played to-day, beginning at 4.30 p.m., on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley.

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Up to and including October 19th a level stake of £1 on all first favourites showed a profit of £35 15s. The same stake on all second favourites showed a profit of £44 7s. 6d. The extra revenue accruing to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as a result of the introduction of the sport has been something like £10,000 per week. A director of the Greyhound Racing Association said that the attendances at the meetings had exceeded their wildest expectations.

Inquiries at the Bellevue track, Manchester, which introduced the sport into England last year, show that the financial results have been most satisfactory. The total attendance during the eighty-two meetings has reached nearly a million, and the amount of money paid for admission £100,000. The stake-money has amounted to £10,337, to which owners have had to contribute nothing.

Similar stories of large attendances come from other big provincial centres, and the sport has become so popular in Scotland that it has practically killed whippet racing except in some of the country districts. The opinion in Ireland, where coursing has always been popular, is that greyhound racing has come to stay, and that it will give a big fillip to regular coursing.

RIFLE LEAGUE REVIVAL.

PLANS DISCUSSED LAST EVENING.

Steps are now being taken to revive the Rifle League which for the past couple of years has been dormant in the Colony. With a view to getting it started again a meeting of the different rifle club secretaries was held at Volunteer Headquarters last evening, Mr. C. H. Summers, of Tai Koo, presiding. Mr. Summers was elected Secretary of the League, and there was considerable discussion on technical matters. It is hoped to know by early in December exactly what teams will compete in the Rifle League and then a start will be made right away.

There was considerable discussion regarding the Interport Shoot between Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore, and it was stated that the shoot in Hong Kong would probably take place on Sunday, November 27th.

It was decided to increase the fee per team by \$10, making it \$20 per team.

Clubs represented at the meeting include the Volunteers, Royal Air Force, Stonecutters Range, Scots Guards, K.O.S.B., Queen's Royal Regiment, Police, Tai Koo and the Royal Naval Dockyard.

INTERPORT SHOOT.

SHANGHAI'S SCORE.

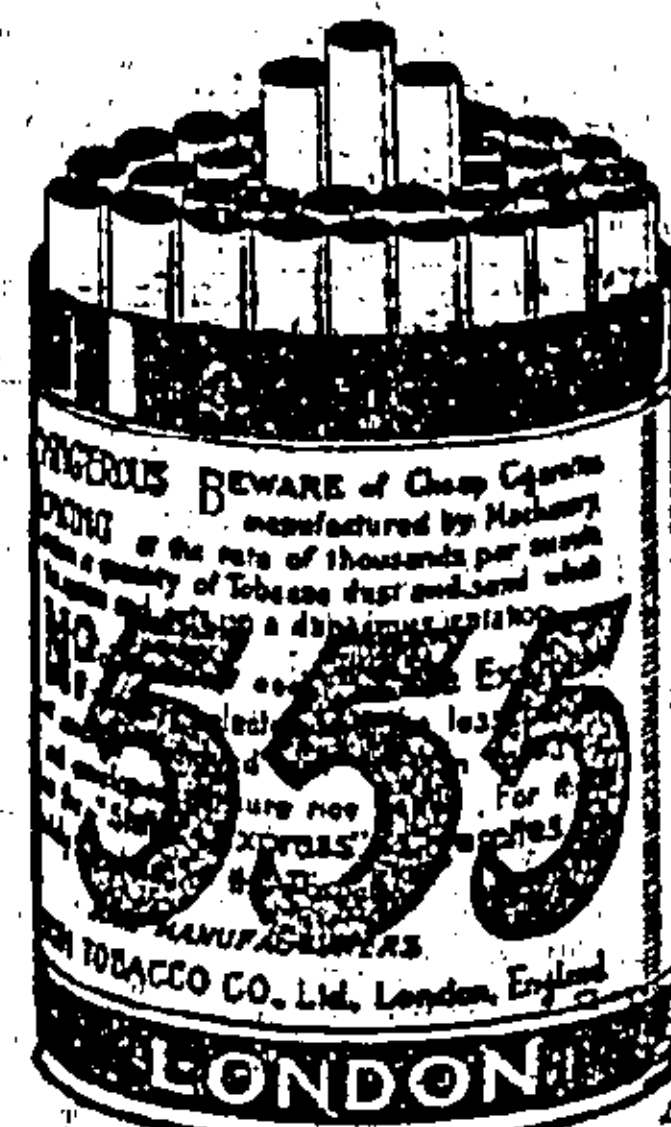
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model are the basis to-day of plans

to build a new American-owned fleet

of fast passenger liners, which

would reduce the Atlantic crossing

to an even four days. The proposed

new ships will be equipped for

aeroplanes, by means of which it

may be possible to make delivery

of mails across the ocean in three

days. In the experimental basin,

it is claimed, the model proved its

ability to "make thirty-five knots

in wave conditions simulating a

severe North Atlantic storm," and

that improvements in marine engi-

neering would "not only enable

ships to travel at a speed fifty per

cent greater than that of existing

liners, but on one-half the fuel and

with one-third the crew."

Experts, here, while admitting

that models in experimental basins

furnish valuable data, also main-

tain that an actual-ship must be

constructed and subjected to actual

Atlantic tests before the claims of

the inventors can be completely de-

monstrated. The American Brown-

Boveri Company, sponsor of the

project, will make an application to

the United States Shipping Board

for permission to borrow, at a low

rate of interest, up to sixty-six per

cent of the cost of the vessel to be

constructed. But it will first be

necessary to convince the Shipping

Board that the plans are practica-

ble. Mr. Lawrence Wilder, former

president of the American Brown-

Boveri Electric Corporation, an-

ounces that the proposed company

will be incorporated as the New

York-London-Paris Steamship Com-

pany (Blue Ribbon Line), to oper-

ate ten 50,000-ton liners, to be

constructed in American shipyards,

with a sustained sea speed of 33½

knots, making the trip to England

in ninety-six hours and to France

in 101 hours. The ships would be

approximately 800ft. long and 80ft.

beam, with a draught of 24ft. Six

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American Steamship Owners' Cor-

poration; Mr. C. L. Bardo, presi-

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Executive Association, and Mr.

Ernest Rigg and Mr. Theodore

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an Englishman.

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and twice rowed in the Oxford

crew. He is a brilliant scholar.

He has been keenly interested in

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Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster

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the Irish Catholic hierarchy, who

at Belfast described early mar-

riages as "the blessing of God and

Nature."

Dr. Norwood told an interviewer

that he thought early marriages

natural.

"Nearly always," he said,

"people who marry when they are

young are the happiest. Unfor-

tunately, it is not always economi-

cally possible to marry early in

life.

"I think something of a struggle

for a couple when they are young

is all to the good. It gives them

many good qualities. But that can

be made too big a handicap. A

man must have some sort of a po-

sition financially before he weds.

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marry late in life."

A Woman's View.

The woman's point of view was

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"Yes, I favour early marriages,"

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Acacia, Norwegian str., 3,313 tons, Capt. A. Abrahamson, from San Pedro, which port she left on October 15th, with 6,840 tons of fuel oil, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.
Devawongse, Chinese str., 1,023 tons, Capt. H. Ipland, from Hong-koh, with 1,800 tons of salt, lying at Yau-mai.—Chau Yuo Teng.
Mikasa Maru, Japanese str., 1,961 tons, Capt. T. Matsubayashi, from Milke, which port she left on November 10th, with 2,500 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. 151.—M.B.K.

November 16th.

Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.
Haining, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. O. H. Farrer, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Lee Fat Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 531 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 58 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Nam Sang, British str., 2,591 tons, Capt. F. Mooney, from Cansu and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Norwegian, Norwegian str., 1,779 tons, Capt. Jensen, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—Fou Nam S.S. Co.
Phoenicia, British str., 1,065 tons, Capt. A. McInnes, from Whampoa, lying at buoy No. B21.—Wo Fat Shing.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—N.Y.K.
Tulthymia, British str., 6,514 tons, Capt. J. Hatfield, from Tacoma and Milke. The latter port she left on November 11th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—B. & S.
Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. E. D. de Muine, from Halphong, with empty drums, lying at Taikotsui.—A.P.C.

THE CHINA COAST.

LATEST CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.
The following are the latest notified changes in officer personnel on the China Coast:—
Mr. R. K. Burns, chief engineer, Kangting, has gone chief engineer, Hupeh.
Mr. L. Waterman, third engineer, Taikow Wan Yi, has gone third engineer, Shantung. Mr. D. Ruxton, third engineer, Shantung, has gone third engineer, Taikow Wan Yi.
Mr. W. J. Dinnen, supply chief engineer, Kweichow, has gone chief engineer, Kweichow.
Mr. H. Dalgleish, chief engineer, Kweichow, has gone supply chief engineer, Hain Peking.
Mr. E. F. Graham, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, Nankin.
Mr. J. Johnston, chief engineer, Wanlin, is on reserve.
Mr. B. G. Edwards, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Chienan.
Mr. J. D. Craig, third engineer, Chienan, has gone acting second engineer, Whangpu. Mr. W. Paxton, second engineer, Whangpu, has gone second engineer, Kintang.
Mr. D. B. Ritchie, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, Chakiang.—Shipping & Engineering.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.
President Lincoln, Nov. 20th.
President Cleveland, Nov. 21st.
President Polk, Nov. 21st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Changteh, Dec. 9th.
Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Osaka, Nov. 27th.
City of Peking, Dec. 24th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Talithymia, to-day.
Patroclus, to-morrow.
Euryates, Nov. 18th.
Machao, Nov. 20th.
Achilles, Dec. 8th.
Memnon, Dec. 8th.
Cyclops, Dec. 10th.
Panthus, Dec. 10th.
Antenor, Dec. 15th.
Tydara, Dec. 25th.
Izion, Dec. 30th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Tilava, Nov. 21st.
Tahna, Dec. 8th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Canada, Nov. 22nd.
Dorwell & Co.

Lancaster Castle, Nov. 23rd.
Wray Castle, Dec. 3rd.
Reno, Dec. 8th.
Calula, Dec. 13th.
Curly Cattle, Jan. 1st.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Malaya, Nov. 23rd.
Kina, Dec. 17th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Tanda, Nov. 29th.
St. Albans, Dec. 5th.
Arafura, Jan. 2nd.

Glen Line.

Penbrokeshire, Nov. 29th.
Gleniffer, Dec. 8th.
Glenugie, Dec. 22nd.
Glenanda, Jan. 12th.
Glenamoy, Jan. 22nd.

Hamburg-America Line and Hugo-Stinnes Linien.

Ramses, Nov. 19th.
Sachsen, Nov. 20th.
Ermland, Nov. 30th.
Vogland, Dec. 14th.
Hansa, Dec. 16th.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 19th.
Adolf von Baeyer, Jan. 28th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Zaama, Dec. 13th.
Oosterk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjiboda, Nov. 20th.
Tjimanock, Nov. 21st.
Tjiondari, Nov. 24th.
Tjipanas, Nov. 25th.
Tjiraca, Nov. 25th.
Tjikini, Dec. 5th.
Tjitarom, Dec. 5th.
Tjikembang, Dec. 8th.
Tjiluwang, Dec. 10th.
Tjialak, Dec. 19th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Sphinx, Nov. 22nd.
Paul Lecat, Nov. 23rd.
Mia, Nov. 25th.
Andre Lebon, Dec. 7th.
Chenonceau, Dec. 21st.
Angers, Jan. 4th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Fulda, to-day.
Trier, Nov. 19th.
Derfflinger, Dec. 19th.

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CLEARANCES.

November 15th.
Acacia, for Tarakan.
Cremar, for Swatow.
Haining, for Singapore.
Haina, for Saigon.
Yue Mathilda, for Hoihow.
Ondridy, for Kobe.
Santhia, for Singapore.
Sungshan Maru, for Canton.
Tai Fook Sing, for Saigon.
Tak Ling, for Macao.
Tjikarang, for Batavia.

IRAQ OIL "GUSHER."

WELL NOT YET STOPPED.

THREE MEN FATALLY GASSED.

EAGHAD, October 20th.

Up to the present it has been found impossible to stop the flow of oil struck last week by the Turkish Petroleum Co. five miles south of Kirkuk, and according to the latest information, no attempt has been made to burn the oil, which is being allowed to escape into the gulleys and depressions surrounding the workers. There has been no diminution in the pressure of the oil, and it is estimated that since it was struck some 50,000 tons (equal to about 7,000,000 gallons) have flowed into the surrounding country.

Owing to the presence of large quantities of gas most of the employees have left the working, and are now living at Kirkuk town.

Two American drillers, Arthur Symmons and B. Bollinger, were fatally gassed yesterday, while attempting to make their way from the town to a bungalow which they had vacated earlier. On entering a depression in which there was a great volume of gas both men were overcome. A plucky attempt at rescue was thereupon made by three Arab coolies, one of whom lost his life. The other two succeeded in getting the two Americans out of the gas-laden atmosphere, but both men succumbed shortly afterwards.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Khiva, Nov. 19th.
Kashgar, Nov. 25th.
Mongolia, Nov. 25th.
Horea, Dec. 8th.
Kidderpore, Dec. 9th.
Kalyan, Dec. 12th.
Devanha, Dec. 23rd.
Malwa, Jan. 8th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Muriko Maru, to-day.
Tango Maru, to-day.
Tuyama Maru, to-day.
Yagano Maru, to-morrow.
Sura Maru, to-morrow.
Hakodate Maru, Nov. 19th.
Sungshan Maru, Nov. 19th.
Mishima Maru, Nov. 22nd.
Shimo Maru, Nov. 22nd.
Yakama Maru, Nov. 23rd.
Mio Maru, Nov. 24th.
Kitano Maru, Nov. 25th.
Famagata Maru, Nov. 25th.
Fushimi Maru, Dec. 2nd.
Rakuyo Maru, Dec. 5th.
Siberia Maru, Dec. 5th.
Isuka Maru, Dec. 9th.
Dakar Maru, Dec. 9th.
Tokushima Maru, Dec. 9th.
Hakosaki Maru, Dec. 16th.
Takaka Maru, Dec. 20th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.

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TIENSIN via WEIHAI-WEI & CHEFOO	"CHIPSHING"	Tues., 29th Nov., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI & KOBE	"LAISANG"	Wed., 23rd Nov., at 7 a.m.
CANTON	"KWATSANG"	Thurs., 18th Nov., at 3 midnight
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"WAMSANG" "KOTSANG"	Thurs., 17th Nov., at 3 p.m. Thurs., 1st Dec., at 3 p.m.
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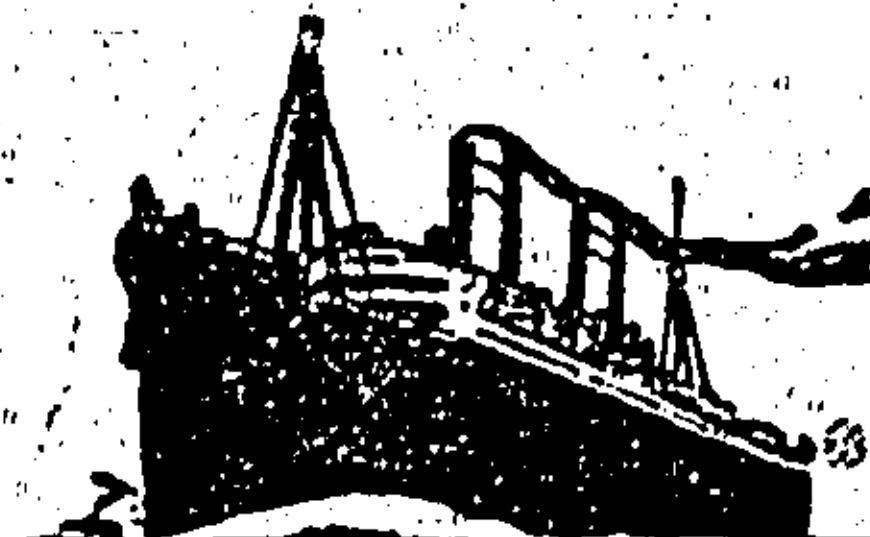
Steamship "PMBROKESHIRE"	29th November
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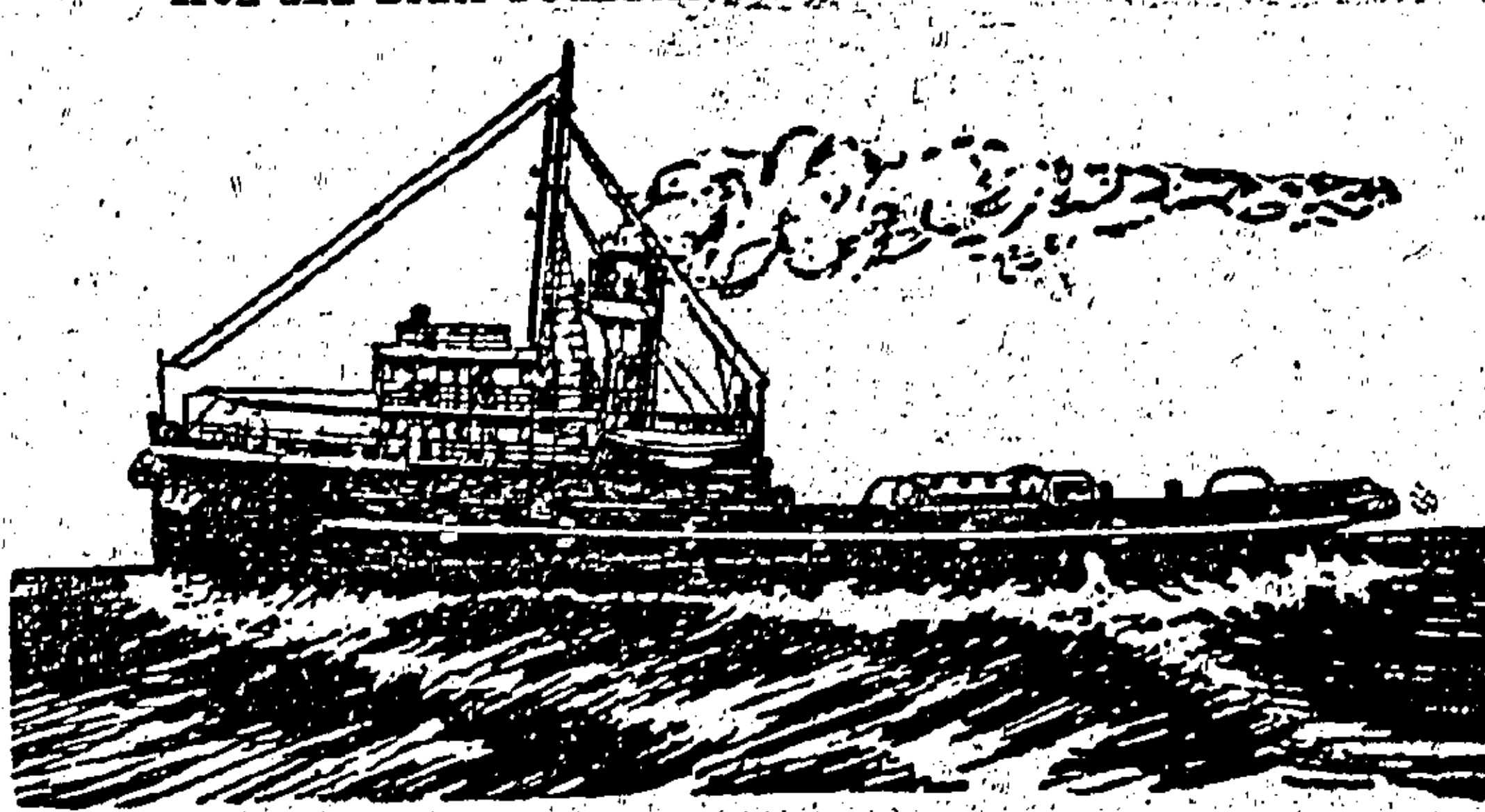
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